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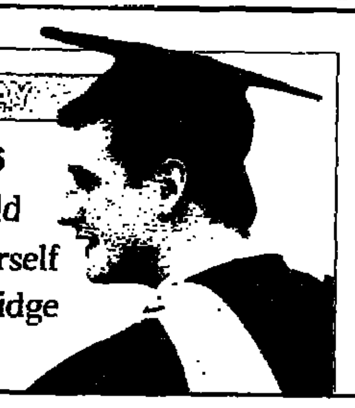

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Foreign governments grade campuses

Top universities forced into new Ivy League

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

A BRITISH Ivy League of elite universities is beginning to emerge as foreign governments operate "whitelists" of campuses to which they are prepared to send students.

Four years after the Government uprated polytechnics to create a single higher education system, such lists are combining with developments at home to open up new divisions and threaten the equal status traditionally accorded to all university degrees. In some subjects, only a handful of British institutions have been judged good enough to join the rollcall of international excellence.

The practice of grading universities is spreading rapidly among developing nations worried about the widening quality gap in Britain. This could have a devastating affect on some universities which rely on the full-cost fees paid by overseas students.

At the same time, student preferences, funding changes and employers' attitudes at home are having such an impact that a premier league is likely to be in place by the time Sir Ron Dearing reports on British higher education next summer.

Employers are increasingly selective about the universities from which they will recruit for fast-track training schemes. Many have abandoned the "milk round" of interviews, targeting highly-rated departments for their graduates.

Young people, too, have become more discriminating, with the leading traditional universities increasing their market share. Top-rated universities — such as Cambridge, Oxford and London's Imperial and University colleges — have seen their share of national applications increase by up to a quarter this year, while the more unfashionable insitutions have seen applications halved as a result of the new rules limiting students to six choices of institution, rather than eight.

The same minority of traditional universities also dominate official teaching and research ratings, which are likely to be used more and more to determine funding. And with budgets stretched to breaking point, vice-chancellors fear that this could lead to the quality gap widening dramatically.

Analyses in *The Good University Guide*, which will be published all this week in *The Times*, show that only 14 universities achieved more than one top rating for both teaching and research in the first 15 subjects to be assessed by the Higher Education Funding Council for England. Cambridge scored the maximum in all ten areas in which it was assessed, and Oxford matched the feat in seven.

A top rating for research can mean a difference of £250,000 a year for a science department, and the benefits will grow if a fund to develop research in new universities is phased out. The funding councils are also examining how to reward departments that do well in the teaching ratings.

But a growing number of foreign governments have already decided on a more selective approach. In Singapore, the Government has restricted the number of degrees it will recognise in medicine, law and engineering. Malaysia and Mexico are among the others to follow suit.

This could have an enormous impact as 150,000 overseas students come to Britain each year, producing more than £1 billion in invisible earnings, and a number of universities could not do without students from Singapore and Malaysia.

Singapore recognises medicine degrees from only 20 universities in the world, five of them British: Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Oxford and London. British-educated lawyers who wish to practise on the island must have their degrees from one of 15 "scheduled" universities and even Liverpool, Sheffield and Warwick — where teaching is officially rated as excellent — are excluded.

Singapore's Professional Engineers Board recognises more than 50 British universities, although first-class honours are required from the 12 former polytechnics on the list.

In Mexico, the Padron List, drawn up by the government body responsible for research, determines where state scholars may study abroad. Several new universities have lobbied unsuccessfully for inclusion.

Other countries operate unpublished "whitelists" in a number of subjects. Malaysia, which sends more than 8,000 students to Britain, exercises tight control on the destination of government-sponsored students, with as few as nine universities approved in some subjects.

A funding council report on postgraduate education, to be published on Wednesday, will examine the issue in detail. Professor Martin Harris, the Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University, who chaired the review, said: "These lists exercise a very powerful influence. They are a sign of other countries making explicit judgments that tend to be made only informally here."

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CHRIS HARRIS

Casper Berry, 22, an anthropology student and part-time writer, was at Cambridge yesterday while a film company was seeking buyers for his film *Downtime* at the Cannes Film Festival. Page 5

Crew may have died before jet plunged into swamp

BY QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK AND HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE crew of an ageing DC-9 airliner may have been dead or unconscious before their jet plunged into the Florida Everglades killing all 109 on board, including two British tourists.

The pilot for the cut-price domestic airline Valujet told air traffic controllers that the cockpit was filling with smoke minutes after he took off from Miami for Atlanta.

As he turned back towards the airport, witnesses say the 27-year-old aircraft made a series of irrational manoeuvres, banking sharply then straightening and flying at an angle of 75 degrees into the alligator-infested swamp.

Rescuers yesterday gave up hope of finding survivors and were unable to locate anything more than fragments of the jet, which had recently suffered engine troubles. The two Britons were named as Roger and Devlin Loughney but identities of the other passengers and crew were being withheld until relatives were informed.

Teams trying to recover the aircraft's flight recorder, which had a radio beacon, were hampered by the muddy and inhospitable terrain where the jet crashed on Saturday, 30 minutes after take-off.

Attempts to build a road across the swamp were abandoned and rescuers were considering trying to drain the land to reach the site.

Investigators want to recover the bodies of the crew and passengers to establish whether they were wearing oxygen masks and if their lungs contained enough smoke to have caused them to black out. A fire could have been caused by an electrical fault.

The crash will raise serious doubts about the safety of old jets being used by cut-price airlines and could slow down the development of similar services in Europe.

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Israeli guns hit Hezbollah

Five Israeli soldiers were wounded by Hezbollah fighters in southern Lebanon, the first casualties since the US-brokered ceasefire came into effect. Within hours, Israeli artillery pounded Hezbollah targets north of the security zone.

With less than three weeks before the electorate goes to the polls in Israel's bitterly contested general election, the resumption of violence along the last active Arab-Israeli front is set to become one of the central issues.......Page 13

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The Government is facing renewed calls to ban handguns in the aftermath of the Dunblane massacre. Labour has proposed to ban up to 200,000 firearms .... Page 6

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Clarke says £1 billion beef crisis could stop tax cuts

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ANDREW PIERCE

KENNETH CLARKE last night gave his toughest warning yet that he may not be able to deliver tax cuts in this autumn's Budget after claiming that the beef crisis had already cost the Government at least £1 billion.

The Chancellor argued that the slaughter of calves over 30 months had severely restricted his scope for tax cuts which are in jeopardy due to higher than expected public borrowing and a mistake in tax revenue forecasts.

The cost of slaughtering cattle would come out of the £2.5 billion Treasury reserve but would make tax cuts next year "one billion pounds less likely," he said on Radio Scotland's *Eye to Eye*.

In a series of interviews Mr Clarke infuriated the Tory Right by suggesting that the Government should protect spending on health, education and the police rather than "bribe" the electorate with tax cuts. Ignoring the recent clamour for 2p tax cuts to turn round the Tories' fortunes, he argued that elections were not won and lost on tax reductions.

"Those who believe that if I took a penny off income tax we might just about have a photo-finish to the election and with tuppence off we'd have a bit of a working majority and with threepence off we'd have a working majority, I think are treating the British public as idiots."

He admitted that the Government had made a "genuine mistake" at the last election by committing itself to tax cuts, and then getting into debt and having to put up taxes.

"I inherited the job of putting up taxation and we hurt people and they remember those promises and they

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"Forget the steak. I'll just have an omelette"

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Tricolour welcome for United's hero

BY ROBIN YOUNG

AT LEAST 100,000 Manchester United fans lined the victorious team's route through the south of the city yesterday as they brought home the FA Cup. French tricolours in tribute to Eric Cantona's 85th minute goal, outnumbered banners in the red, white and black of United.

Flag sellers did a roaring trade and the top-selling items, even at £5 each, were flags proclaiming "Eric the King". The crowd was 20 deep in places, and fans climbed trees, lamp-posts and bus shelters to get a view.

Flag-waving fans in carnival mood began lining the route, which took the team bus within a few hundred yards of the United ground, several hours before the victory parade began.

Children with their faces painted red and white perched on their fathers' shoulders and police outriders were required to clear a path for the team's open-topped bus.

Cantona was the name on everyone's lips but there was acclaim too for Alex Ferguson and his achievement in bringing Manchester United three League championships in four seasons and a record ninth victory in the FA Cup. The club's feat of achieving the double of the FA Cup and the League for a second time is unprecedented.

Today Wembley stadium officials and the Football Association will be studying video footage of incidents which married the presentation of the Cup, when Liverpool supporters appeared to spit at Cantona and throw a punch at Alex Ferguson.

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Hall of hope and glory wins £40m lottery money

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Albert Hall, the home of the Proms, pop concerts and sporting events, is expected to receive £40 million of lottery money this week from the Arts Council and the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

The grant will bring the total amount of lottery money awarded to good causes to £1.5 billion but is likely to fuel discontent over the amount of cash going to arts projects in London. Schemes to have benefited include the Royal Opera House (£78 million), the Tate's Bankside Gallery (£50 million), Sadler's Wells Theatre (£30 million) and the Royal Court Theatre (£16 million). In an attempt to pre-empt criticism the Albert Hall is emphasising its role as "Britain's village hall".

The lottery grant, which is expected to be boosted by £17 million raised by the Albert Hall, will enable the first major refurbishment of the building which was the brainchild of Prince Albert and built with the proceeds of the Great Exhibition of 1851.

The work is expected to include returning the top balcony to its original use as an art gallery and improving the line of vision of around 500 of the balcony seats. More space will be created for the public to circulate. A basement space is likely to be built to house service facilities and the acoustics are expected to be improved.

The lottery plan, which has been led by the Albert Hall's chief executive Patrick Deuchar, is also expected to include the building of new restaurants, cafes, shops and hospitality rooms. Mr Deuchar wants to open the building during the day as an arts centre.

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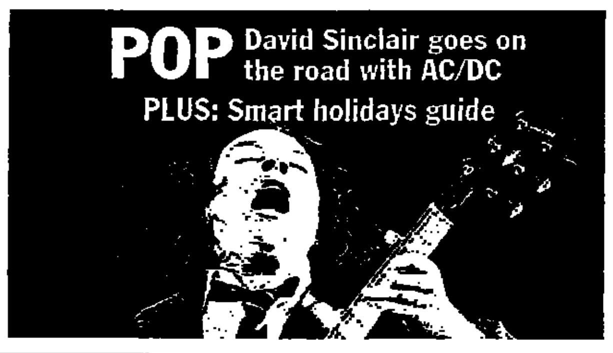

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McGuinness hint raises hopes of a new ceasefire

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

MARTIN McGUINNESS, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, signalled yesterday that the IRA was considering a renewed ceasefire to allow republicans to join all-party talks on June 10.

Amid intense speculation about the IRA's strategy, Mr McGuinness said he would call for a new ceasefire if John Major gave an assurance that the talks would be "real and meaningful". He insisted that the Prime Minister should also give an undertaking that the arms issue would not hold up talks and that Unionists would not be allowed to block progress.

Mr McGuinness, who is respected by IRA hardliners, said on ITV's *Jonathan Dimbleby* programme: "If the British Government are prepared to say that, and if the British Government are prepared to accept the reality that the decommissioning issue isn't going to be resolved that easily . . . then I think that we can go again to the IRA and attempt to persuade them."

He added that the IRA were "open to persuasion" and that he "desperately" wanted to see a new ceasefire. He said: "If there are to be real and meaningful peace negotiations . . . beginning on June 10, then I am passionately of the opinion that they must take place in a peaceful atmosphere. That means securing a second IRA ceasefire."

Mr McGuinness also held out hope when he gave a guarded welcome to the suggestion by Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, that disarmament should be discussed separately from the main talks.

There is considerable uncertainty on both sides of the Irish border about the IRA's intentions. Senior members of the Irish Republic's opposition Fianna Fail party, who have had regular talks with Sinn Fein, are understood to be pessimistic about the chances of a renewed ceasefire. They were told that senior republicans are wary of being sucked into a process dominated by Britain and the Unionists.

A total of 24 parties will contest the May 30 Ulster election to a 110-member forum. Parties elected to the forum will appoint delegates to the all-party talks.

☐ Russia's intelligence services are ready to inform Britain and Ireland about IRA arms supplies from the Baltic republic of Estonia to IRA, ITAR-TASS news agency said Sunday. The Estonian foreign ministry denied the allegations.

The Rev Ian Paisley campaigning in Larne yesterday

Paisley hits the campaign trail

THE Rev Ian Paisley's cavalcade swept across Northern Ireland over the weekend; the Democratic Unionist leader has begun campaigning for this month's elections for all-party talks well ahead of his political rivals (Nicholas Watt writes).

In the centre of Coleraine, Co Londonderry, on Saturday afternoon, a beaming Mr Paisley made for white-haired ladies as they did their shopping. "Hallo ladies," Mr Paisley declared as he handed out his party leaflet. "I will feel so much better if you give me the kiss of life on May 30 to fight the battle."

Mr Paisley took the delighted pensioners aside to confide in them about the other battle he has to wage every day. They chuckled as he said: "This morning I told my wife that I hoped she was not going to be hard on me today. She told me to shut up, and so I told her that if only people knew how hard she is on me I would get more sympathy."

A veteran of 17 Northern Ireland elections, Mr Paisley, who was 70 last month, is at his best on the stump. The rabble-rousing voice is nowhere to be heard and the jabbing finger is replaced by a warm handshake. He left the tough political message to his party colleagues as they toured loyalist housing estates on the outskirts of Coleraine.

Three vans, decorated with pictures of Mr Paisley and blaring out loyalist pipe-band music, acted as a warm-up for "the Doc" who followed in a truck. Peter Robinson, the party's MP for East Belfast, and the Rev William McCrea, MP for Mid-Ulster, took it in turns to announce their leader's arrival. "Vote DUP and show Ulster's enemies we are not defeated. We give you hope", Mr Robinson said. A party aide whispered: "and no Pope too".

Watchdog calls for inquiry into jail brutality

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

THE board of visitors at Wandsworth jail in south London is calling for an urgent Home Office inquiry into increasing allegations by inmates of assault and bullying by prison officers.

In its annual report the board, an independent watchdog appointed by the Home Office to check prisoners' conditions and complaints, says that in 1994 there were 93 complaints against staff, and last year the figure rose to 100 and involved 43 officers and 77 allegations of assault. One officer faced complaints from five different prisoners. Three officers each faced three separate allegations and a further three were each accused of two offences.

After monitoring complaints made by inmates against staff over the past two years, the board is urging Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to set up an investigation into conditions at the jail.

Officials have already told the board that complaints are treated seriously and investigated, but the visitors say they remain worried by the level of the complaints.

The Rev Martin Clarke, the board of visitors' chairman, said that the complaints first began to emerge three years ago. At the time no records were kept and the board arranged for them to be made after prisoners coming forward with allegations of brutality.

More than 80 of last year's allegations were later withdrawn or unsubstantiated, and only five led to formal action. Mr Clark said that it was difficult for prisoners to prove their cases and that no officer had been found guilty. He said prison officers did not have to answer questions and could simply make a statement denying that they had made the assaults.

The worst case involved a prisoner who said he was assaulted and had photographs to show the bruising. He said he was attacked when he was searched for drugs after a visit. However, he later began to change his story and the allegations were dropped.

Mr Clark said there was concern that weak and feeble prisoners might be picked on. On the other hand, many of the allegations arose from searches for drugs after visits and the prison officers said that the inmates became violent when confronted with drugs found on them.

The prison holds up to 1,690 remand and convicted prisoners.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Labour to spell out £1.5bn plan for young

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown will unveil a £1.5 billion package of proposals this week to eradicate youth unemployment and to give all over-16s access to education or training. The Labour leader will announce an ambitious deal for "Britain's lost generation" as part of a co-ordinated programme to combat youth crime and ensure that more youngsters stay on at school.

The package would be partly funded from a windfall tax on privatised utitilies, although some money could come from Mr Brown's plans to scrap child benefit for 16 to 18 year olds, which would raise up to £700 million. Mr Brown will also give further details of his scheme to withdraw 40 per cent of benefit from youngsters who fail to take up one of four training or employment opportunities within four weeks.

Primary tests start

More than 600,000 11-year-olds will begin tests today intended to produce the first primary league tables next March. But the National Association of Head Teachers will advise members to urge school governors not to submit the results for publication. The union claims that the Government reneged on a commitment not to compile league tables until the tests had bedded down.

Church drug survey

Young people with a church upbringing are as likely to take drugs as those from non-Christian families, a survey published today say. Of more than 7,500 church-going young people questioned, nearly half of those offered drugs had tried them. The figures, from the Evangelical Alliance, a Christian umbrella group, are similar to those in secular surveys. There was little under-age drinking, however.

Simpson unabashed

O.J. Simpson played a round of golf in Surrey yesterday before the television interview tonight that has brought him to Britain. As Simpson set off from his London hotel he refused to be put off by questions about the murder of his wife Nicole, of which he was cleared. He laughed when a reporter asked: "Where were you on the night of the murder?", before speeding off in a chauffeur-driven car.

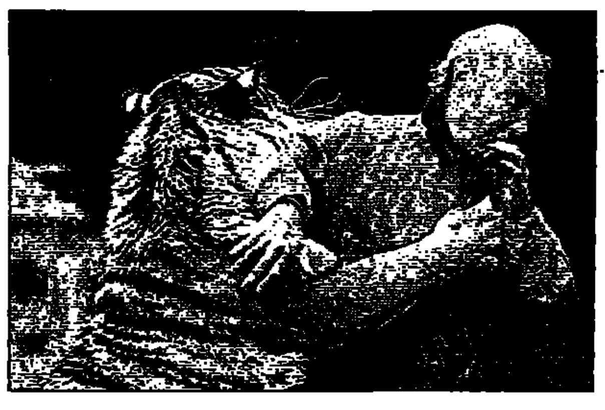
School row father dies

A man whose son was at the centre of a strike threat by teachers has died of a heart attack. Philip Wilding, 56, of Nottingham, right, was admitted to hospital after complaining of chest pains at his home and collapsing. He died at the Queen's Medical Centre. Teachers at Glaisdale Comprehensive called off their strike after refusing to teach Richard Wilding, 13, because of his disruptive behaviour.

Bradman breaks record

A cricket bat used by Don Bradman to score 212 against England at a Test Match in Adelaide in 1937 set a £23,000 world auction record when it was sold to an anonymous telephone buyer at Phillips in London yesterday. The bat, which was estimated at £300 to £500, was the high point of a sale built around the memorabilia of the late Brian Johnston, the BBC commentator known as Jonners.

Back in the tigers' den



The millionaire zoo owner John Aspinall playing in the tigers' cages yesterday for the first time in public since the death of a keeper at his Howletts wildlife park near Canterbury. Mr Aspinall has won an industrial tribunal case against Canterbury City Council, which wanted to ban keepers from entering tiger enclosures after Trevor Smith was mauled to death in November 1994.

Eight share jackpot

Eight tickets won a share of this week's National Lottery jackpot of £8.9 million, each receiving £1,115,190. A total of 16 tickets matched five balls plus the bonus ball, each winning £171,567. There were 1,766 winners who matched five balls for £971 each.

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Beef bill may halt tax cuts

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remember the taxes," he said on BBC1's *On the Record*.

The Chancellor conceded that public borrowing was higher than he had expected and the Treasury had made a mistake in its revenue forecasts and had less tax coming in than had been predicted.

While not ruling out tax cuts in the Budget, Mr Clarke said that he would only deliver them if the Government could afford them and if it was in the interests of the economy.

Mr Clarke's comments drew a furious response from rightwingers who claimed it was time the Chancellor "grasped the nettle" on public spending.

Meanwhile Cabinet divisions resurfaced over Britain's negotiating tactics over trying to lift the European ban on British beef. While Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, signalled on GMTV's *Sunday* programme that he would back retaliatory action, Mr Clarke said he was opposed to "political gesturing" to solve the beef crisis.

On Wednesday, the European standing veterinary committee will vote on the European Commission's proposal to ease restrictions on beef products, including semen, gelatin and tallow. If the ban stays, Britain will have another chance to lift it at the council of agricultural ministers on May 20. In his visit to London this week, President Chirac is expected to come under pressure from John Major to side with Britain.

Gavin Strang, Shadow Agriculture Minister, last night criticised the Government for failing to investigate the fact that 67 per cent of BSE cases was in cattle born after the ban on feed containing BSE agents imposed in 1988.

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Slaughtered cattle may be burnt at power stations

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

BURNING the remains of cattle as fuel in power stations is being seriously considered by the Government because the animals can no longer be eaten.

Cattle over 30 months old, regarded as more likely to be infected with "mad cow" disease, are being slaughtered under a £630 million scheme to keep them out of the food chain and restore consumer confidence in beef. The Ministry of Agriculture expects the much-delayed scheme, which began formally on May 1, to become "fully operational" today. Up to 25,000 cattle will being killed every week.

Farmers said yesterday they wanted cattle to be killed at an even faster rate to clear the backlog of at least 150,000 unsaleable animals and enable them to start receiving compensation. Farmers will be paid on average between £480 and £800 per animal.

Bill Rodney, 49, a beef farmer from Healey, North Yorkshire, who was found dead outside a barn last week after apparently turning his shotgun on himself, was said yesterday by relatives to have been under stress because of uncertainty over the future of his herd.

Ken Rodney, the dead man's brother, said: "We have got a load of cattle over the age of 30 months but we still do not know when we will be able to get rid of them. It looks to me as if this was preying on Bill's mind."

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Jet disappears in quicksand of the Everglades

FROM QUENTIN LETTS
IN NEW YORK

FLECKS of white wreckage and some blackened grass in the marshlands of Florida were virtually all there was to show yesterday after the nosedive crash of a DC9 jet that killed all 109 people aboard.

Emergency workers, in a fruitless rescue exercise, were perplexed and appalled by a crash which has left almost no remains. It appeared that ValuJet Flight 592 either exploded into smithereens when it hit the ground on Saturday afternoon or was quickly sucked below the mud and waters of the treacherous Everglades. A few shards of fuselage measuring no more than six feet were all that was left of the aircraft.

Witnesses said that the doomed plane plummeted at a 75 degree angle. "It was terrible. Nothing could have survived that," said Daniel Muelhaupt a local flying instructor who had been giving a lesson. "I thought it was doing a manoeuvre but it didn't pull up and, wham!" he said. Mr Muelhaupt flew immediately to the scene of the crash and his pupil Rick DeLisle used field glasses to search for survivors, but could see no one.

The crash was also watched by an angler, Chris Osceola. "I said, 'it's gonna crash' and then, boom!" he said yesterday. The impact threw up a massive, mushroom-shaped cloud of mud, smoke and spray.

A US Coast Guard helicopter en route from an airshow to Miami was in the vicinity and flew at once to the crash site. Lieutenant Commander Mark Feldman said: "We were really surprised at the lack of debris. We were told it was a DC9, but from what we saw we simply could not believe it. There was some clothing, nothing else, and nothing we could do."

The 27-year-old jet, owned by the discount airline ValuJet, had a recent history of engine troubles. Since 1994 it had made seven post-takeoff returns to airports after reporting mechanical snags such as oil leaks and hydraulic pump failures. Last year, it made an emergency landing at Memphis, Tennessee, because of sudden loss of cabin pressure.

Soon after taking off from Miami the pilot reported smoke in the cabin. The plane vanished from radar screens at 2.25pm, 30 minutes after it left for Atlanta, Georgia.

Salvage teams were frustrated by the muddy terrain. The Everglades wetlands cover some 5,000 square miles of the land west of Miami and many parts are inaccessible. Robert Francis, of the National Transportation Safety Board, said: "This is not going to be the friendliest environment to do an accident investigation."

By yesterday afternoon workers had still to retrieve the DC9's "black box" flight recorder, which was equipped with a radio beacon. Bulldozers started to beat a path to the crash site to allow heavy-lifting machinery a chance to reach the area, but the road-building exercise had to be called off because of the marshiness of the land.

In many places the water was no more than three feet deep but the mud underfoot was thick and glutinous and threatened to suck men and machines under.

Amid the usual rituals of emergency helicopters, the evident distress of victims' relations and the heavy press presence, this air crash had the added elements of alligators, quicksand and the death of a minor celebrity. The passenger list for flight 592 showed that Rodney Culver, a running back with the San Diego Chargers American football team, had been on board.

Luis Fernandez, a rescue worker, said: "There were a lot of alligators and snakes in there and a lot of the debris is settling into the muck." He and other emergency workers were distressed when they came across a family photograph album and baby clothes. "We're all human and this is not easy on us," he said.

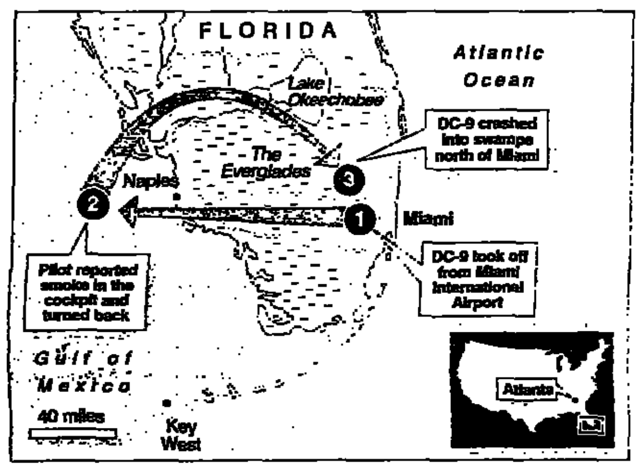
The luckiest man in the episode was Terry Huckabee, an Atlanta businessman who narrowly missed the flight. When he arrived late at the ticket counter he complained to the ValuJet ground staff: "I'm having a bad day. I missed my flight and I lost a dollar in the vending machine." A ValuJet check-in assistant said quietly: "No, you're the luckiest man alive."

At Atlanta airport, relations of those who had made it on to the flight were taken to a private room after news of the crash was announced on the public address. Counsellors were on hand to comfort the bereaved. One man was so overcome that he collapsed, dropping the large bouquet of carnations he had bought to greet a loved one.

President Clinton offered his condolences to the victims' families from a White House still bruised by the death in an air crash of the former Commerce Secretary Ron Brown. "All Americans join Hillary and me in offering our hopes and prayers to the families and friends of those aboard the ValuJet," he said in a statement.

ValuJet has suffered a number of safety scares in recent months. In January another of its ageing DC9s hit a snow drift at Dulles Airport in Washington while a third plane became stuck in mud at Atlanta airport. In February a ValuJet aeroplane left the runway in Savannah, Georgia, and in March an emergency chute was activated on a ValuJet in Tampa, Florida.

A video that shows air crashes in slow motion was condemned as voyeuristic yesterday. *Air Disasters* has the same executive producer as the controversial *Police Stop!* videos. Some crashes are shown over and over again and there are scenes of military aircraft crashing into crowds at air shows. "How often do you need to show a crash? The whole thing is voyeuristic," said William Beckett, co-chairman of Scisafe, which was formed after the 1985 Manchester air disaster in which his daughter Sarah, 18, died. Fifth Estate Video, maker of *Air Disasters*, said the 48-minute video made important claims about air safety. "How can you get the message about safety across if you don't show crashes?"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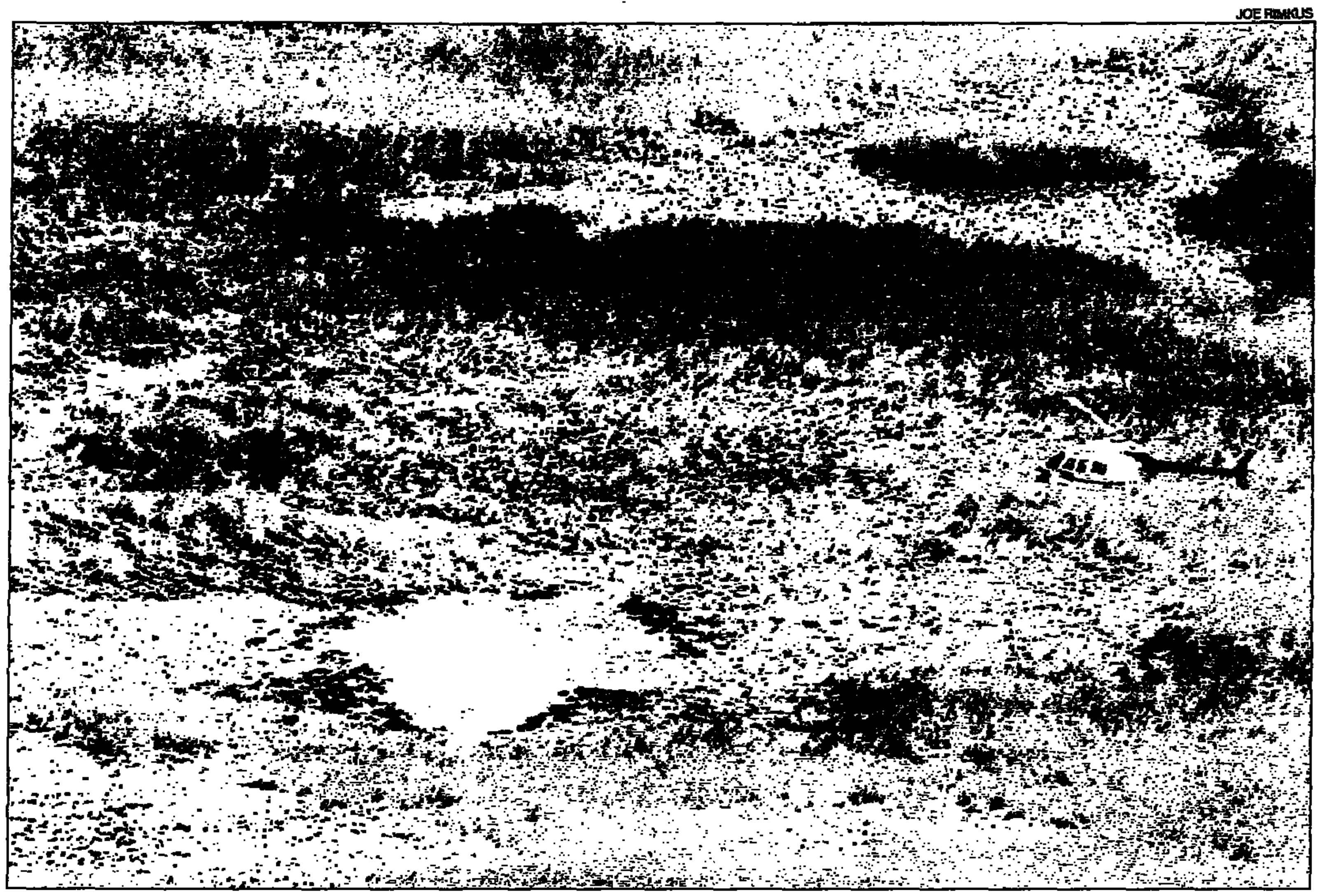


A helicopter flies over the spot where the ValuJet DC9 went down in Florida. Below, helpless volunteers watch the sun set on the Everglades

Lifesaver earns precious reward

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TAIWANESE millionaire showed his gratitude to the British couple who saved him from drowning by sending them his gold credit card with instructions to book a luxury holiday.

Howell Chou was spotted floating motionless in the Caribbean by Mel and Philipa Feldman. The 75-year-old, who owns a computer company in Taipei, had got into difficulties while swimming.

Mr Feldman, a barber from Bury, Greater Manchester, pulled the businessman from the sea and summoned medical help. "He was lifeless and the lifeguards began working on him," he said. "He coughed up a load of water but did not regain consciousness. He was given oxygen and stretchered to the ship's hospital, then airlifted by helicopter to a hospital in Miami."

Mr and Mrs Feldman were on the same cruise as Mr Howell. The rescue happened while the ship was moored off the Bahamas. "The people he was travelling with took my name and address and he contacted me some weeks later to say he had fully recovered and was back home," Mr Feldman said.

"He visited us in Bury to say thank you in person and brought us some lovely gifts. Then he invited us over and sent his gold card with a letter of authorisation so we could book a holiday at his expense."

The couple, who have just returned from their trip, spent five days in the Taiwanese capital where they travelled everywhere in their host's limousine. At a banquet in their honour they ate from gold plates with gold-tipped chopsticks.

From Taipei they flew to Hong Kong, Singapore and Bali. "It was a fantastic gesture of kindness. We had a wonderful time. It was something we would only have dreamed about in the past. We never expected he would be so kind. A phone call or letter would have sufficed."

Sky's the limit for romantic groom

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A BRIDEGROOM indulged in a long-held flight of fancy yesterday when he exchanged wedding rings with his fiancée in a 40-seater jet 2,000 feet above St Paul's Cathedral.

Milan Chhatrisha, 26, a commercial insurance underwriter from Leicester, married Komal, 24, according to the traditions of the Hindu wedding service. He said: "We had to get special flight permission to circle above the cathedral, but we wanted to get married precisely there because it is such a romantic location.

"I have been wanting to do this since I was a pupil at boarding school. It is a dream I have been waiting all my lifetime to fulfil. It is real fairytale stuff."

Traditional wedding fare replaced the in-flight menu but cutting the three-tier wedding cake had to wait until the couple were back on the ground. The ceremonies were completed at a marquee at Coventry airport and at an Indian resturant in Leicester run by the bride's guardian. Mr Chhatrisha had flown to the airport by helicopter and his bride arrived in a white Rolls-Royce. They walked along a red carpet through an arch of flowers to the plane.

Rajesh Chouhan, who runs an Asian wedding service in east London, knows of one Indian from the sub-continent who hired a Boeing 747 for the service, but he believes that Milan and Komal have created a precedent for British-based Hindus.

The most lavish wedding of recent times was in January last year when three members of Britain's richest Asian family, the Hindujas, were married in Bombay. Sri Chand, 61, the head of the family who runs a £1 billion business empire, showered the 10,000 guests from 58 countries with 20 baskets of rose petals as they arrived at the Royal Western Turf Club. A staff of 1,200 served a vegetarian banquet.

Cat lover goes for broke in Greece

BY LIN JENKINS

A WOMAN who has devoted the past five years to the welfare of cats in Greece has spent the last of her savings to bring 37 of them back to Britain. Christina Morison, 45, scraped together every last penny to put the cats through six months of quarantine before finding new homes for them.

Many bear the battle scars of life on the streets of Athens. Two of them have only three legs, two are blind, and others have one eye.

Even with discounts for block bookings and another for compassion, Miss Morison is faced with a bill of more than £22,000.

The animals are spending their quarantine period to ensure they are clear of rabies in Marlborough, Wiltshire, and Maidenhead, Berkshire. They are housed three to a pen and tended daily.

Miss Morison visits them from her home in Ealing, west London, at weekends, but in the week she is busy job hunting. The cattery fees and the air fares, albeit at a generous discount from Swissair, have seen her bank balance dwindle to nothing.

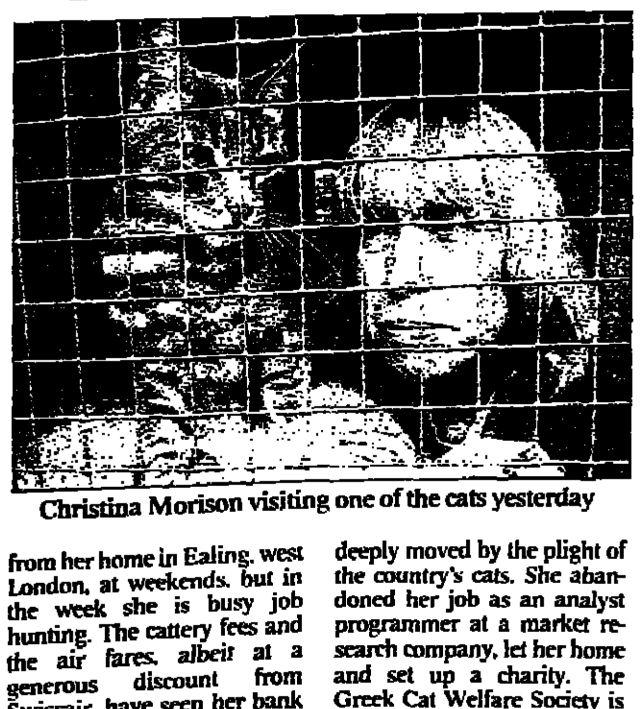
Five years ago while on holiday in Greece she was deeply moved by the plight of the country's cats. She abandoned her job as an analyst programmer at a market research company, let her home and set up a charity. The Greek Cat Welfare Society is now well established, sending British vets to the Greek islands to neuter cats as well as financing veterinary care on the mainland.

"The main problem is that they don't neuter their cats," Miss Morison said. "They think it's against nature. They can't see an animal's sex life as being different from human sex life."

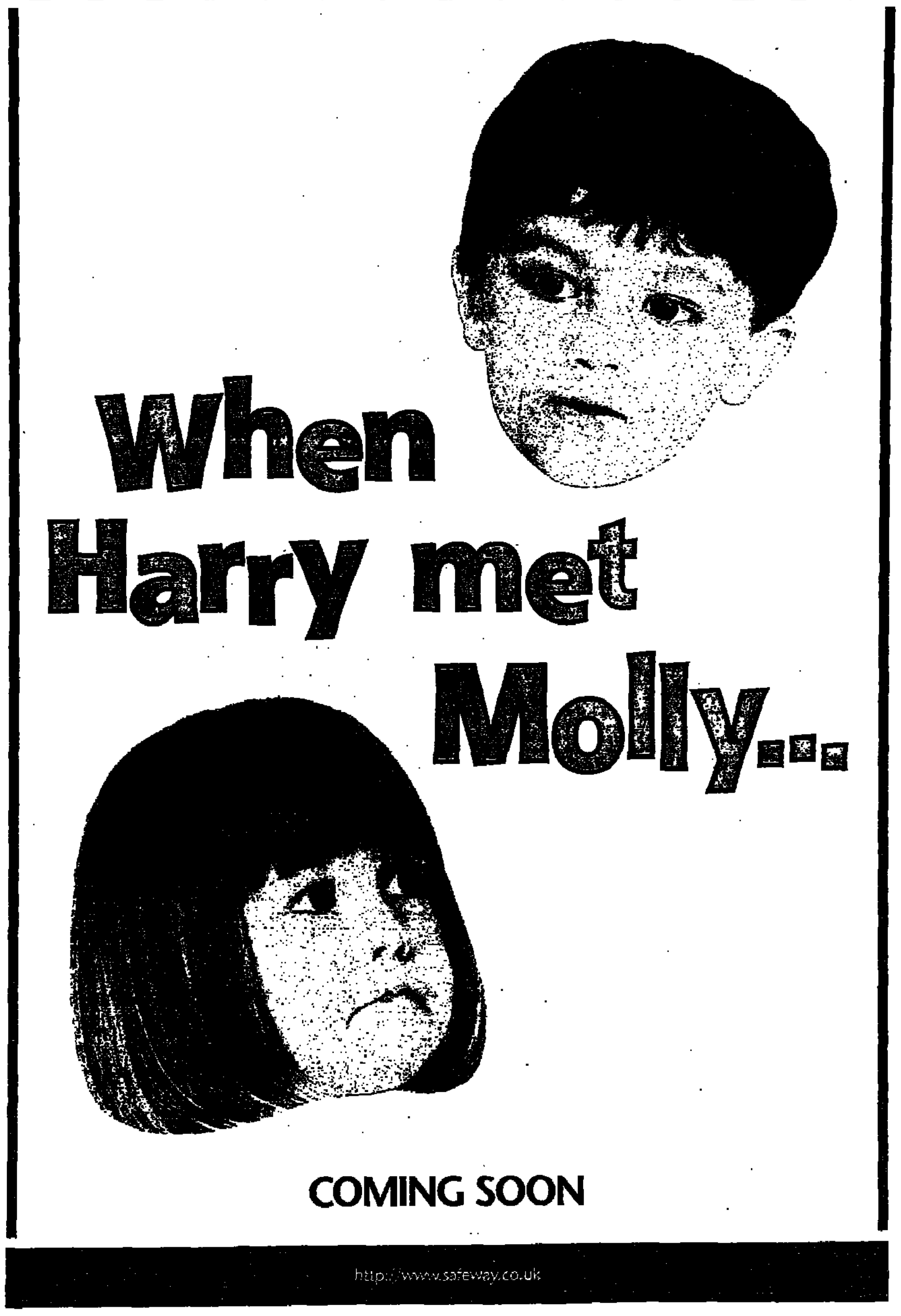
The problem of stray cats is compounded by a law forbidding the humane destruction of healthy animals, a ban on animals on public transport and expensive vets' fees.

Of the 37 cats — aged from ten weeks to 13 years when they arrived — 17 have already found homes to go to. Others will remain with Miss Morison. "I am still looking for homes for those I know would prefer living in households with fewer animals," she said.

The charity is now in the control of local cat lovers, and Miss Morison is returning to paid employment. "I came back because I have run out of money. The quarantine fees have taken the last of it."



Christina Morison visiting one of the cats yesterday



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Robbie Williams, left, the former Take That star, was on the ball yesterday. The girls arrived in force to cheer their pop idols and saw the chart rivals Damon Albarn of Blur and Liam Gallagher of Oasis, *right*, *forget their differences*

Pop idols indulge their fantasy in charity football festival

By Joe Joseph

FOR those to whom the names Damon, Jarvis and Liam mean nothing, it was as if the Beatles, the *Rolling Stones, the Who, and* Gerry and the Pacemakers were all playing football together on a spring Sunday in 1965.

Some of the biggest names in music, including Oasis's Liam Gallagher, Blur's Damon Albarn and Jarvis Cocker of Pulp turned up at a sports stadium in east London yesterday to play soccer for charity — and at the unusually early hour of 10.30am.

The Mile End Stadium was like *Loaded* magazine made flesh: just *lads, footie, music, babes and* booze. Not so much *Men Behaving Badly*, maybe, as just *Men Playing Football Badly.*

Albarn and Gallagher even made a show of walking hand-in-hand on to the pitch, sparking speculation of a Britpop reconciliation. But the way each of them rushed off to sign autographs for the thousands of screaming teenage *spectators* whenever the other was in danger of hogging the limelight suggested that their *gamesmanship might* have been as asiduous off the field as on.

Liam Gallagher is frontman to one of the world's biggest-selling bands. Oasis's following has swelled so dramatically that it has been forced to add a second autumn concert at Knebworth after selling out the first date within hours and Gallagher milked the indulgence teen girls *give to their hero of the moment.*

In the absence of his brother and fellow Oasis-member Noel, Liam *took* on the full family responsibility of clowning; of teasing and snubbing the crowd; of whipping the cap from a St John Ambulanceman; of drinking beer and goofing around the pitch. He even managed to score a goal.

But while Oasis and Blur might rule the pop charts, they failed to make as big a success of Britsoc as that have of Britpop. Both bands — who requested *that they should not* face each other in the early rounds of the six-a-side contest for fear of inciting brawls among their rival fans — made a selfless contribution to law and order by both getting knocked out in the first round of the tournament, organised in aid of the Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Centre.

Humiliatingly for Oasis, they were sent packing by Pulp after a jet-lagged Jarvis ("I came back from holiday in Hawaii yester*day") came off the substitutes'* bench at half-time, wearing a No 5 shirt. Cocker, looking like the spindly schoolboy who always gets picked last for any team, loped around the pitch like a man whose joints had not been securely bolted together. But his enthusiasm for the sport of common people made up for his lack of ball control.

Luckily, most band members kept their deepest thoughts on victory and defeat to themselves, since those that did speak made *most footballers sound like* Wittgenstein. Robbie Williams, formerly of Take That, made sure that he was never knowingly underquoted and seemed so desperate for pre-teen adulation that he visited different batches of screaming girls every seven minutes.

Albarn, who was the sole band member on his team, said: "The rest of the band aren't fit enough. They are not up to exercise."

Undergraduate plays down dramatic debut

From Dalya Alberge in Cannes

A CAMBRIDGE student whose first screenplay has been snapped up by a leading British film company is swotting for his finals while producers promote his work with stars at the Cannes Film Festival.

Casper Berry, 22, *from* Newcastle upon Tyne, is taking anthropology at Girton College, and few of his fellow students know of his other role. He said: "I don't talk about it much. It's boring when anyone goes on about their work."

His script *Downtime*, an "action love story", is to be filmed by *Scala Productions* with a £1.5 million budget. Previous Scala hits include *Scandal*, *The Crying Game* and *Mona Lisa* — which makes the company's commitment to an unknown student all the more extraordinary.

His talent was spotted by Richard Johns, 31, a producer who founded Pilgrim Films in 1994 *with Bharat Nalluri*, 31, as director. They made commercials and drama for television, including *Driven*, a 30-minute thriller for Tyne Tees, Yorkshire and Granada Television. Their work won awards from the Royal Television Society, among others.

Mr Johns, who approached Nik Powell of Scala Productions at a Newcastle film *seminar, recalled: "I just hap*pened to walk him back to the station and I just happened to have a script with me. The three-hour trip from Newcastle to London was ideal."

Johns: made contact during film seminar

Mr Powell said that he read *it on the train and knew* immediately that this was a talent to watch: "On the basis of his work to date, he is going to be a successful writer for the screen."

He described the script as a "contemporary emotional drama" *set* in a *tower-block in* northeastern England. An action sequence in a lift, he said, is "a *nail-bitingly* tense centrepiece. It's truly nerve-racking and will you have on the edge of your seat."

Scripts tended to fall into two categories — American-style action stories or character pieces — "but he has managed to combine them into a seamless, real story that is also very emotional and *funny*".

Downtime is the story of a single mother, who lives in an inner-city tower block, and a divorced police psychologist. They meet after she threatens to commit suicide by jumping from her window: he coaxes her down and their relationship develops.

Mr Berry, whose father is a doctor and whose mother trained as a teacher at the Central School of Speech and Drama, said that he wanted it to be a film about people whose lives are set against a background of crime, but who "live honest lives like 99 per cent of the population".

He researched it extensively, working with a housing association and studying criminology and epilepsy as background for various characters.

"I'm very keen for this to be seen as utterly real," he said. "*But it's not* a social document. I wanted it to be grounded in real psychology."

It will be filmed this summer for a release in the middle of next year.

Tarantino attacked for using N-word

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

SPIKE LEE, *the* black American director who has often provoked racial debate on and off screen, yesterday attacked Quentin Tarantino, the white American director, for using the word nigger in his films.

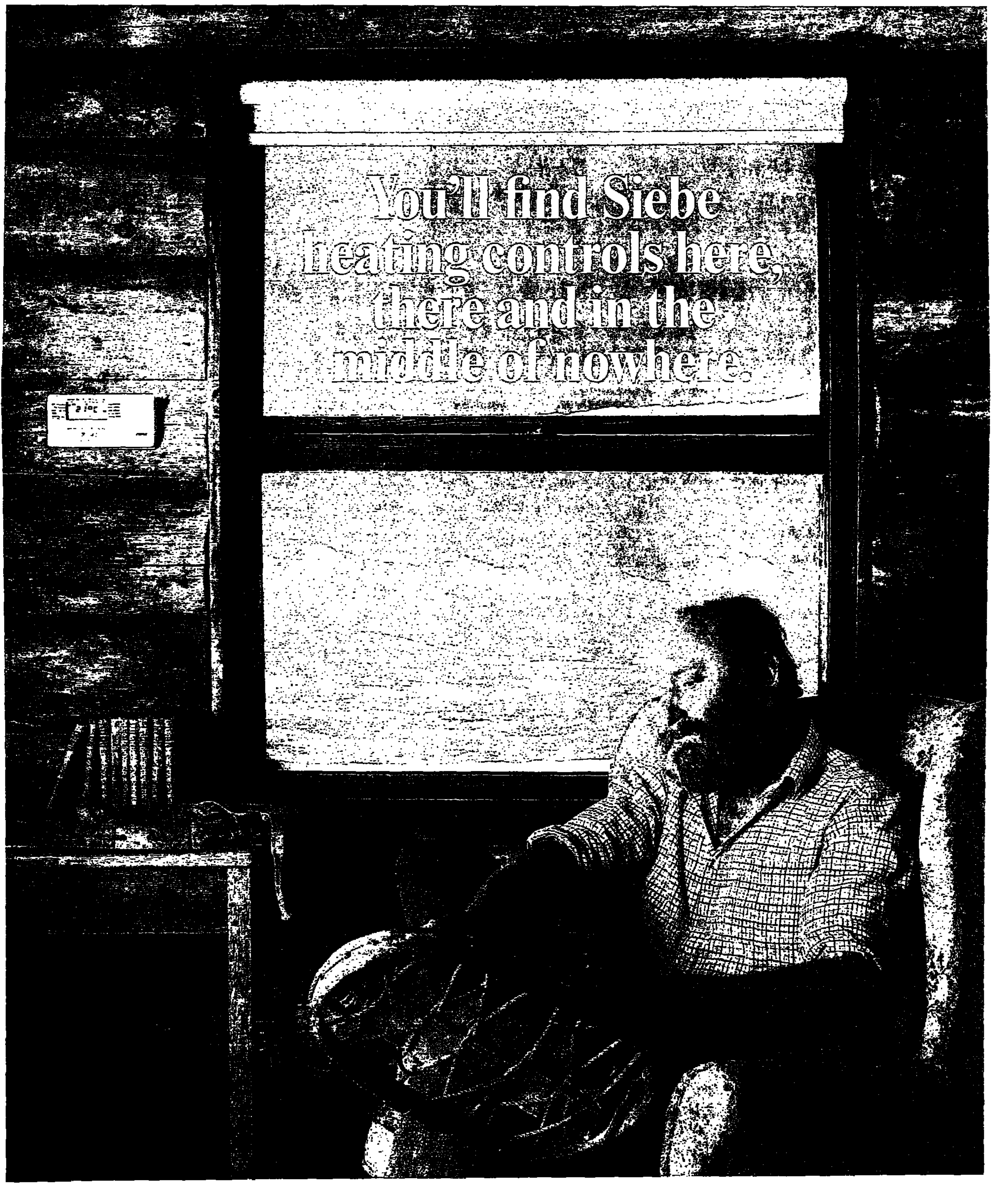
Lee said he had counted 28 instances in *Pulp Fiction*, the violent crime movie starring John Travolta, and many others in such films as *Reservoir Dogs*. Lee said at Cannes, where *his comedy Girl 6* is receiving its world premiere: "I don't like his use of the word nigger. That word is not cool at all."

He said that he and Denzil Washington, the black American actor, had broached the subject with Tarantino. "I don't think he had really understood that the word is dangerous. Denzil and I explained it to him. I think he understands *it now*. Hopefully, in the future, he will not use that word." But he said that despite his concern he had had no qualms about asking Tarantino to take a cameo role in *Girl 6*. "Quentin Tarantino is a very fine young director. My only problem is his use of the word nigger. One has nothing to do with the other."

Lee also attacked discrimination in the American film industry. "Look at the Academy Awards. This year, *out of* 166 non-foreign language Oscar competitors, only one went to a black artist."

For that reason, he said, he had *sought only* black financial backers for his next film, *Get on the Bus*, a $2.4 million civil rights movie inspired by last year's One Million Men *March*.

Girl 6, the story of a young unemployed black actress who *becomes an anonymous* phone-sex operator, stars Madonna as the boss of the service. She has flown into Cannes for the premiere.



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Mayoress aged 14 keeps it in the family

A GIRL aged 14 is to be mayoress of a west Wales market town, keeping up a family tradition. Melanie Harries's great grandparents were mayor and mayoress three times, and her grandmother mayoress twice.

When Brian, her father, was elected Mayor of Narberth, Dyfed, he asked Melanie to be his escort.

Mr Harries is divorced from Melanie's mother so Melanie seemed the obvious choice. "I know she's young, but the job's in her blood," the 46-year-old office worker said. "She's very mature for her age and I know she'll do me proud."

Melanie, who was presented with her chains of office last week and will attend her first function — the Mayor Making Ball — tomorrow, said: "I couldn't believe it when dad asked me. I thought the council might think I was a bit young, but everyone has been really nice. My friends didn't believe that I was going to be mayoress at first, but now they're all green with envy."

PHILLIP REES

Melanie Harries trying out her chain of office with her school uniform

Labour gun review adds to pressure on Howard

By Andrew Pierce

The Australian Government took 12 days to agree proposals to outlaw semi-automatic weapons and ban their import after a gunman slaughtered 35 people in Tasmania. It will be at least six months after the Dunblane shooting before any legislation is presented to the Commons. Critics argue that the Government is in thrall to the powerful gun lobby but ministers argue that they are opposed to knee-jerk reactions. The Government, unlike the Labour Party, appears to be reluctant to ban all handguns. About 57,000 people in England, Scotland and Wales have firearm certificates for handguns with 45,000 allowed to own more than one. The Government argues that many law-abiding owners use handguns for target shooting at clubs and should not be penalised.

MINISTERS were under pressure from senior Tory MPs last night to bring forward laws on gun control to try to outflank the Labour Party, which today will publish proposals to remove up to 200,000 firearms from circulation.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has rejected the pleas and reiterated that any legislation would be delayed until after Lord Cullen's report on the Dunblane massacre in the autumn.

The Government is being urged to take action both by backbenchers who want immediate curbs and by those who are opposed to restrictions on the number of firearms but support a tightening of the licensing rules.

Ministers have submitted a list of 32 options to the Cullen inquiry, which begins at the end of the month. Labour will go much further today when Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, unveils proposals to ban all pistols and rifles above .22 calibre as well as automatic and semi-automatic weapons. Conservative Party strategists yesterday privately accused Labour of trying to make political capital out of the tragedy. But the proposals have been welcomed in Dunblane and the Home Secretary has met Mr Straw to discuss a non-partisan strategy to new gun legislation. They agreed it made sense for Labour to publish its proposals in time to be included in the Cullen inquiry.

David Mellor, the former Home Office Minister, criticised the Government at the weekend for failing to recognise the public desire for new laws.

Michael Colvin, chairman of the Commons Defence Select Committee, who opposes a ban on guns, also urged decisive action. "Simple practical measures can be brought in now which will reassure public safety and prevent guns getting into the wrong hands. We don't need to wait for Lord Cullen for that."

Mr Colvin, chairman of the Commons Shooting Club, had a warning for the Labour Party. "Tony Blair should be aware that shooting is one of the most popular and fast-growing participation sports in Britain. There are two million people involved who will not welcome having their guns removed," he said.

Mr Straw said that Labour's proposals could be amended if they were rejected by the Cullen inquiry. He told Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*: "There are too many handguns and weapons in circulation. We are not doing this for votes. We are doing it for public safety."

A spokeswoman for the Dunblane Snowdrop Appeal, which was set up to campaign for new gun laws, said: "Labour's proposals go right to the core. We need legislation to prevent another Dunblane."

Mr Howard yesterday denied that the Government had been wrong-footed by Labour or had acted too slowly. "We have not ruled out any course of action. We have put forward an exhaustive list of options. It would be extremely foolish to ask Lord Cullen to look at this, pre-empt it, and not wait for a conclusion."

The Prime Minister said on Friday that controls on semi-automatic weapons would be introduced after Lord Cullen made his recommendations in the autumn.

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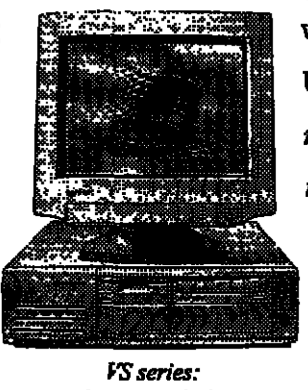

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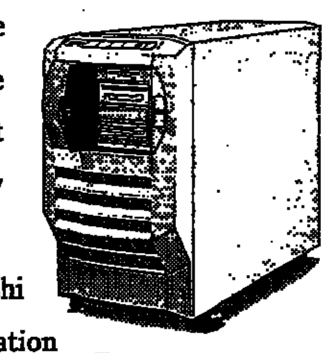

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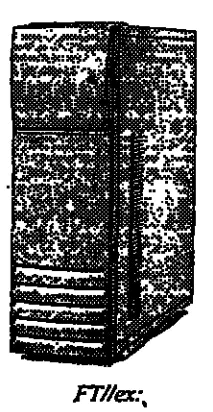

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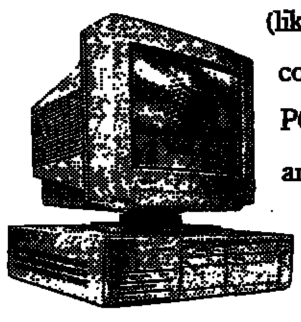

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Heritage and aid stay ahead in charity stakes

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE National Trust remains Britain's most popular and prosperous charity, with a £76 million voluntary income and £20 million from investments, according to a report by the Charities Aid Foundation published today.

Giving to charities has increased by 2 per cent in real terms in the past two years, but income from trading activities such as mail order, cards and calendars has risen by 24 per cent.

Charity begins away from home for the British, whose favourite type of causes were international agencies, collecting £260 million — equivalent to 15p of every £1 donated last year. Cancer receives 12p, animal protection 7.6p and children 7.5p. Legacies rose by 2 per cent to £1 billion and now account for a third of all voluntary income, with the RNLI and RSPCA the clear favourites among will makers. However, bequests to educational causes fell by almost 20 per cent.

The report shows that only 14p in each £1 is spent on administration and fund raising although, among the most popular charities, that ranged from 21p at Help the Aged to 3p for the Salvation Army.

When asked why they might choose to support a particular charity, 87 per cent mentioned that it should make good use of the money it receives.

The biggest corporate donor was Glaxo, which made donations of £6.5 million from pretax profits of £1.8 billion. The most generous and wealthiest grant-making trust was the Wellcome Trust, which gave £240 million of its £5 billion assets.

NHS charitable trust funds, which are increasingly used to pay for equipment including theatre monitors, scanners and neonatal units, have seen donated income rise by 450 per cent in 11 years to £250 million in 1994.

Cathedrals are reported to be locked in a cash crisis as income for restoration appeals has more than halved in just three years from £11.2 million to £4.9 million.

Among famous landmarks which are unlikely to reach their appeal targets on time are St Albans, Lincoln, Canterbury, Westminster, and Chichester.

A minority of cathedrals, including Ely and Chester, have been so successful at fundraising that they are likely to complete their appeals ahead of target.

One of the problems is that cathedral restoration is so expensive that the public have to be persuaded to keep giving over a long period and their initial bursts of enthusiasm seem to dwindle.

The Charities Aid Foundation found that nearly half of cathedrals were running appeals, and studied 40 of them in depth. The report said: "It appears that campaigns lose some momentum through time."

The difficulty is illustrated by St Albans, whose appeal for £500,000 began nine years ago. After raising an average £24,000 for the first eight years, income fell to £8,000 last year.

British women do the most good works

BRITISH women put their continental counterparts to shame on voluntary work, says a survey. Among European women, 36 per cent of Britons have volunteered in the past year compared with 35 per cent of Belgians, 24 per cent of Irish, 17 per cent of Germans and 12 per cent of Slovaks.

The voluntary helper in Britain is said to be characteristically bossy and best likes to spend her time running jumble sales, bazaars or charity shops.

"Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland have common features that distinguish them in the wider European context," says Justin Davis Smith, head of research and information at the Volunteer Centre UK, which conducted the study.

Among men, 43 per cent of Dutch, 38 per cent of Swedes and 31 per cent of Britons were volunteers. The peak age was in their 40s and 50s, and 51 per cent said the main benefit was enjoyment.

More leave money to animal shelters

By Kyle Smith

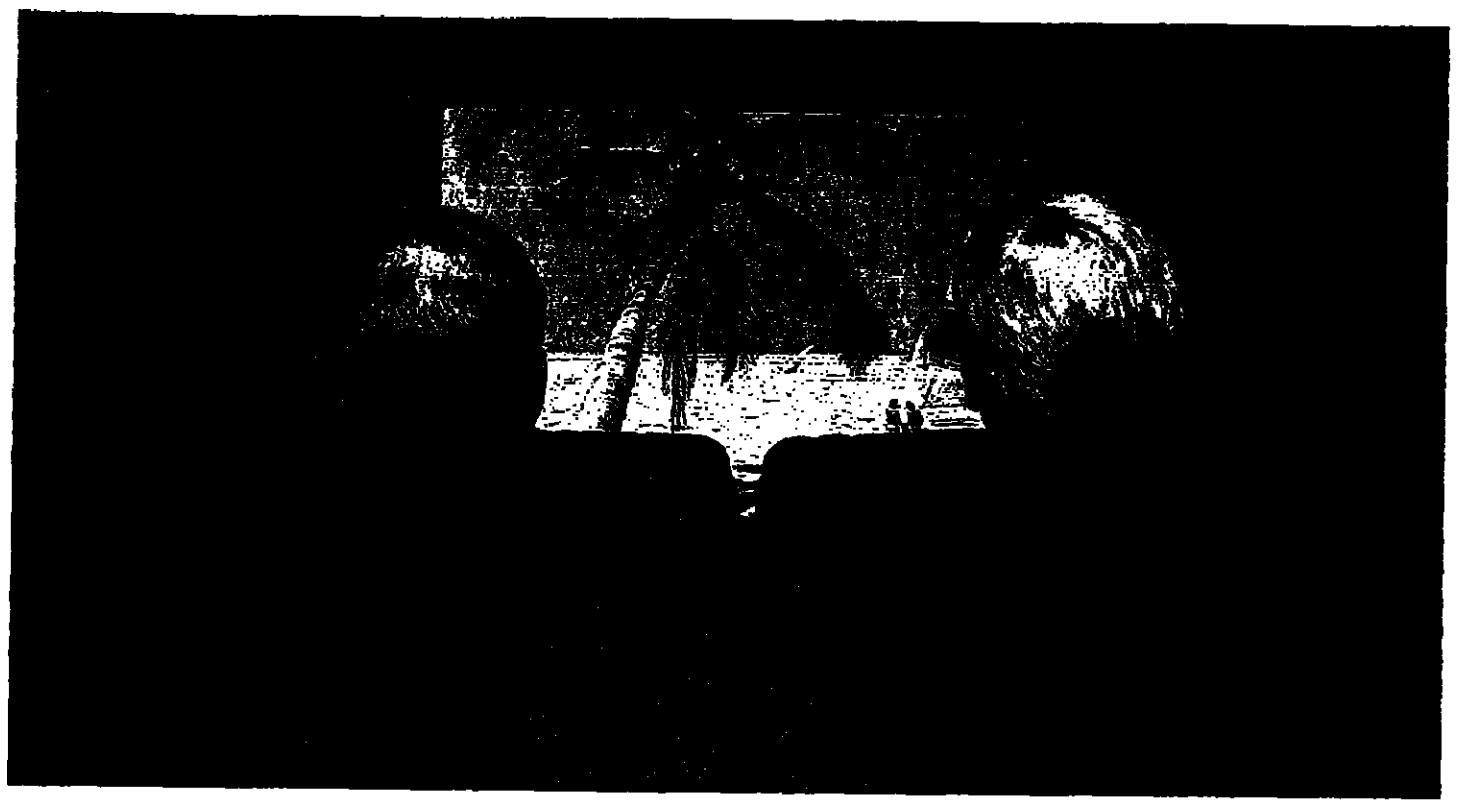
MORE people are leaving money to animal welfare charities but individual bequests are becoming smaller.

Charities that care for animals have been the beneficiaries of steadily rising interest over the past few years. The total number of individual bequests to such charities has risen by 17 per cent since 1991.

The percentage of individual charitable legacies represented by those to animal groups has risen in recent years. In 1992, 14.3 per cent of such legacies named animal groups. By 1995, the figure had grown to 15.2 per cent. In 1991 there were 9,296 charitable legacies to animal groups in England and Wales; last year there were 10,890, according to Bernard Sharpe, of Smee and Ford, the charity consultants.

Esme Berni of Bristol, widow of the businessman Aldo Berni, left more than £30,000 to ten animal charities last year, including £2,000 to the Donkey Sanctuary, the fifth largest such charity by expenditure, according to The Henderson Top 2000 Charities. Wood Green Animal Shelter received £30,000 from Mary Burton, a church organist from Cambridgeshire, who had set it aside for the care of her cat. The money went to the shelter when it died.

However, the total value of bequests to animal welfare groups fell slightly in 1995. Johnny Fountain, of the Animal Health Trust, said there seemed to be a trend towards smaller legacies.



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Police test Euro 96 hooligan control on Cup Final fans

By Stephen Farrell and Stewart Tendler

POLICE declared themselves satisfied yesterday with the massive operation mounted to control 79,000 fans at the FA Cup Final on Saturday — a dress rehearsal for Euro 96 next month. There were 70 arrests for public order offences and 125 minor injuries.

As 900 officers from four forces, determined to head off trouble, patrolled the streets and stations around Wembley, experts put the finishing touches to a behind-the-scenes intelligence effort aimed at keeping British and foreign hooligans under control.

Intelligence officers from Liverpool and Manchester mingled with fans at the stadium and in north London, pointing out troublemakers. State-of-the-art digital camera and computer technology enables the "spotters" to flash pictures and information about suspected hooligans to co-ordinating centres.

Police chiefs face a much more difficult task during the European Championship, controlling fans from 16 nations at 31 matches around Britain. They have been planning the security operation for 15 months. More than 10,000 officers are expected to be involved during the three weeks of the competition. In London, 1,000 officers will be covering each of the six games at Wembley. Teams of spotters from participating nations will be drafted in to point out known thugs among the continental fans.

A suite of offices has been cleared on the seventh floor of New Scotland Yard to allow National Criminal Intelligence Service staff to work alongside the Metropolitan Police Euro Intelligence Unit and a National Co-ordinating Centre next door. Behind banks of newly installed computer terminals and telephones, British experts and liaison officers from the 15 other competing nations will work with the spotters.

However, their operations will be hampered by data protection legislation that restricts the information European countries can pass on. For example, Dutch police are forbidden to supply British officers with names or pictures of Dutch citizens they believe may cause trouble.

Chief Inspector Lex Heys of the Dutch football vandalism unit in Utrecht said: "Our Government has a blacklist of hooligans over the last five years and we have a database on them, but we are not allowed to share it under our data protection legislation."

Similar restrictions apply in Germany and Switzerland. But senior officers are playing down their impact. "Hopefully they will not cause us too much of a problem because we have invited their spotters over here and they will be on the streets," Detective Chief Inspector Peter Goulding of the Met's Euro Intelligence Unit said.

"On Saturday we were working alongside spotters from the Greater Manchester and Merseyside forces looking for the fans likely to cause trouble on Saturday evening, and we were successful in finding both groups and dealing with them. That is the way we will be working with our European colleagues." The fans had been divided well before reaching Wembley. Manchester United supporters' coaches were directed along the M6 and M1 and Liverpool coaches along the M6 and M40.

In charge of policing at the stadium and its grounds was Chief Superintendent Linda Newham. It was a vital dry run for the 48-year-old Match Commander, the Divisional Commander at Tottenham, who will be in charge at Wembley matches during Euro 96.

She arrived at 8am and set about co-ordinating the uniformed, mounted and dog teams. After the match she stood on the balcony beneath the twin towers, radio in one hand and mobile telephone in the other, drawing attention to clusters of fans posing potential problems.

She insists that Euro 96 will not be an excuse to treat every fan as a potential hooligan. "We have got to remember the vast majority of them will will be coming to enjoy football, and only a very small minority wanting to cause trouble."

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MARC ASPLAND

A watchful Chief Superintendent Linda Newham at Wembley on Saturday. She will also be in charge for Euro 96

Officers to debate call for return of hanging

By Stewart Tendler

THE Police Federation is this week to debate a call for a referendum on the restoration of capital punishment.

A resolution at the federation's annual conference, which begins today, calls on its leaders to campaign on the issue and to urge the political parties, in the run-up to the general election, to commit themselves to a referendum. Delegates representing ranks up to that of chief inspector in England and Wales will debate the move at the conference in Scarborough.

Detective Sergeant Roger Turley, chairman of the Thames Valley branch, which is proposing the motion, said they wanted to initiate a public debate about capital punishment. He said that since capital punishment was abolished, in 1965, murders had continued unabated. Society today seemed to place less value on human life, and crimes which might once have raised public outcry were soon forgotten. Mr Turley personally supports a return to hanging. Life sentences were no deterrent, in comparison, he said.

The conference will also debate resolutions urging the general issue of covert bulletproof vests.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Briton bids £6m for the mainland's extremities

A British tycoon is to buy Land's End and John o' Groats from their foreign owner. The two landmarks, formerly owned by Peter de Savary, were put up for sale together for the first time in January by Gulf Resources, a New Zealand developer.

Kevin Leech, a businessman from Jersey, has beaten off bids from America and the Far East and is expected to finalise the deal at about £6 million this month. The tourist sites have 200 staff and earn £3.2 million a year.

Rapid fire

A new weapon has shattered a record. The Defence Research Agency said the electromagnetic rail gun had fired a projectile at 2,300 metres a second, about seven times the speed of sound. A tank shell moves at about 1,500 metres a second.

Uncle accused

An uncle of four children who died in a Southampton house fire is to appear in court today charged with their murders. Fred Heyworth, 58, is also accused of attempting to murder their parents, Beverley and Melvyn Good.

Walk-on role

More than 16,000 people took their first and last chance to walk across the new £330 million toll bridge over the River Severn. The six-lane bridge has no walkways and anyone attempting to cross by foot after next month's opening faces a £50 fine.

Man shot dead

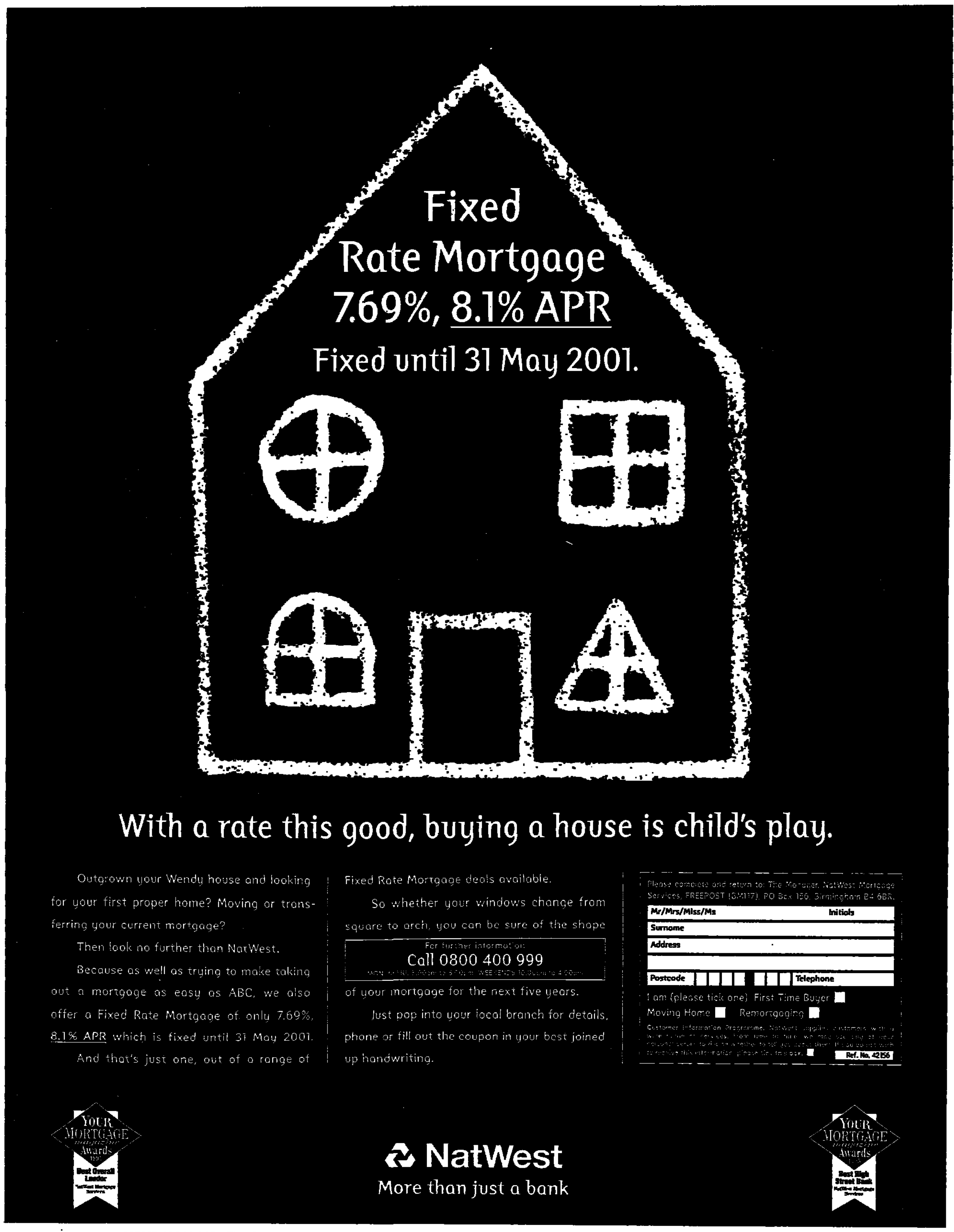
A man in his twenties was found dying of gunshot wounds in a street in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, early yesterday. Police sealed off a terraced house at which residents said all-night blues parties were a regular weekend feature.

Music school sale

The Royal Marines School of Music at Deal, Kent, where 11 bandsmen were killed by an IRA bomb in 1989, is being sold by the Ministry of Defence. It is feared that prospective purchasers might be deterred by the cost of redevelopment.

Ostrich takes off

British Airways will be adding ostrich steaks to its menus on North American routes. The steaks, for first-class passengers, will be offered on other routes if they prove popular. The birds will be supplied by Australia's biggest ostrich farmer.



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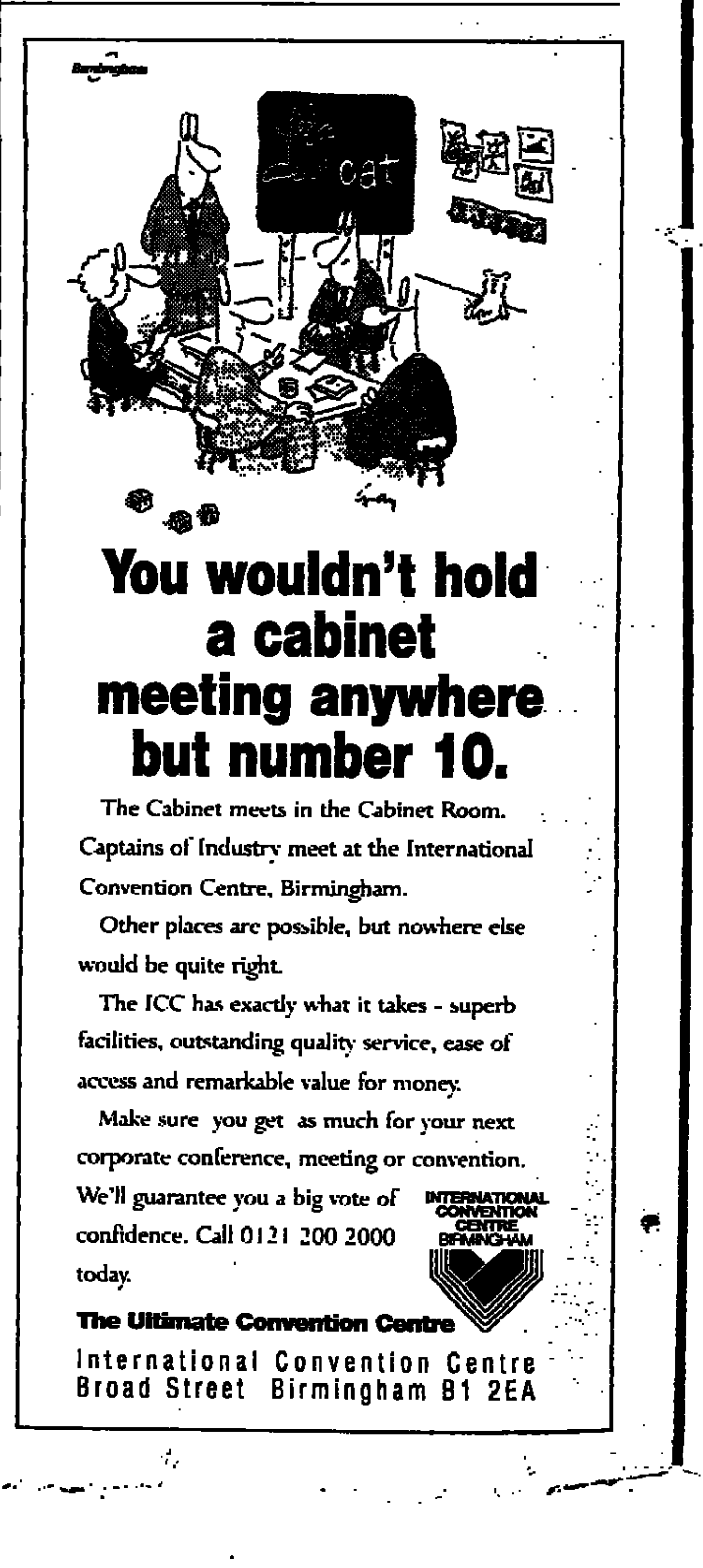

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The trainspotter now arriving is a class above the nerd

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

COMEDIANS who like easy targets may have to look elsewhere: trainspotting is going upmarket.

A fall in the number of young people taking up the hobby has been blamed on endless stereotyped portrayals of "nerds" in anoraks. *But* the change means that it is increasingly becoming a pastime dominated by mature people who can aspire to a luxury end of the market.

Affluent enthusiasts can shed any dowdy image by paying up to £125 a night to stay in a hotel where they eat, drink, sleep and trainspot in comfort within yards of the East Coast main line. The Sidings Hotel and Restaurant near Shipton, about five miles north of York, consists of five converted train carriages and a replica station and signal box.

Guests are encouraged to relax with their notebooks as about 100 freight and passenger trains a day thunder by the hotel's glass-fronted dining room and lounge bar. The 140mph track is even floodlit at night, allowing guests to "spot" into the early hours with an after-dinner drink.

One of the regular guests, Colin Camm, 57, a teacher from Nunea*ton, Warwickshire, spends at least* one night of each stay sitting in the lounge until dawn to watch freight and mail trains go past. He is so well known by drivers that they flash their lights at him.

"It has become much more a *mature person's hobby," he said.* "When I began as a schoolboy, it was mostly school children and very few adults. Now there are very few children and mainly adults. But there has been no real loss to the whole body of rail enthusiasts."

It is even possible to trainspot *without getting out of bed.* The hotel's room six is at the end of a carriage placed at right angles to the line, so that the bed is just 12ft from passing trains. Mr Camm said: "On the first night in there, you get very little sleep. On the second, you sleep a little better, and by the third you are totally exhausted."

Rates at the hotel range from £67 for dinner, breakfast and a single room, to £125 for a four-poster double. It is all the brainchild of Bert Gemmell, a 70-year-old retired railwayman, and his son Brian, a former army intelligence officer, who said: "We get very few anoraks here because the prices keep out the riff-raff. Numerous MPs have been here to *dine, as well as celebrities such as* Patrick Moore."

The menu includes delicacies such as roast wood pigeon — a far cry from the Marmite sandwiches of the classic trainspotter's lunchbox. A narrow-gauge railway is being built in the garden to carry beer barrels to the bar.

There is concern about youngsters losing their enthusiasm for *the much-lampooned hobby.* Murray Brown, the co-editor of *Rail Express* magazine, said: "The use of 'trainspotter' as a derogatory adjective is having quite an adverse affect and youngsters just don't want to get involved any more." Mr Brown, who has donated a number of relics from his railway memorabilia to the Sidings Hotel, added: "Railway enthusiasm covers a very broad church. Many people in the professional classes are into railways and certainly don't all wear anoraks and national health spectacles and have an IQ of about 12.

"It is so unfair. It seems it is quite all right to walk around the countryside hitting small balls into holes or go and sit on the bank of a river fishing in the rain, but if you are interested in trains you are ridiculed."

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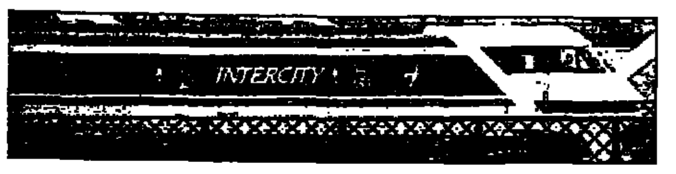
TOP 'SPOTS' ON EAST COAST MAIN LINE



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Restaurant guest Paul Turner *shares his enthusiasm with son Jamie,* 14, at The Sidings

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Fans for whom Wembley score hit the hundreds

By Stephen Farrell

NOT everyone who travelled to Wembley for the FA Cup Final found it the dullest afternoon's entertainment for years. For one select group, the Manchester United versus Liverpool tie lived up to all the hype and provided a day of non-stop action of a quality rarely to be enjoyed.

Beneath the feet of 79,000 fans flowing across Olympic Way to the stadium on Saturday, a cluster of coachspotters *was camped out beside the* flyover columns, oblivious to the supposed climax of the English football season.

"I couldn't care a tinker's cuss who wins," said Ivan Cottrell, 50, a spotter for 20 years.

"Well, to be honest, I do care a little bit because if it wasn't two northern clubs playing we wouldn't be here at all. *It* wouldn't be worth coming for London clubs, but this gives us a chance to see all the new Manchester and Liverpool M and N registrations."

Mr Cottrell, of St Albans, arrived four hours before kick-off — a Lancashire, Cumbria and Manchester bus handbook in his Air New Zealand bag — to *join two dozen* colleagues meticulously noting the numberplates of Volvos and Scanias pouring into Wembley's vast car park.

Coachspotters, who prefer to be called "bus and coach enthusiasts", are often former trainspotters diverted on to the roads by the lack of new rolling stock.

Connoisseurs prefer junior sports tournaments: adult fans arrive in cars, but schoolboys and girls cannot drive. "We'll get only 300 coaches today but you get about 500 for the kids' rugby, and there's none of this chanting nonsense," Alan Langhelt, 62, said. "We'll be off about 4pm. I'm not hanging around for this lot coming out."

Mr Langhelt, a retired engineer from Hounslow, west London, has been a coachspotter since 1948 and works *three hours a day as a London* Buses traffic recorder. His weekday leisure is spent logging aircraft; at weekends he seeks buses and coaches.

He includes only vehicles of at least 17 seats with a green or blue Public Service Vehicle disc. Supplementing his notebook is a pocket computer and, at home, a laptop computer *with 60,000 coaches in* alphabetical order. Those he has seen are marked with an asterisk and the list is constantly updated to keep track of fleets that have changed hands and buses that have been re-registered.

He is a little dismissive of young spotters. "To be honest, some of them are just number-snatchers and don't know what they are doing. Very few use computers, which are a boon to our hobby.

"There is no end product, because new coaches come out each year. The aim is just to get as many as possible. Anything to avoid getting bored. I don't want to sit around in libraries all day reading *newspapers like some* old people."

A coachspotter filling his notebook at Wembley

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Parents who blame pesticide for deformity wait to sue American maker

Blind boy's family fights for children without eyes

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

MARTIN BEDDALL

Juveria Memon and her son Khalid, born with empty eye sockets, await the decision of the American court

FORTY British families whose children were born without eyes are awaiting the outcome of a test case beginning in America today that will determine whether a garden pesticide caused the deformity in a six-year-old boy.

They will lodge claims if John Castillo Jr. who was born with empty eye sockets, is successful in suing the Dupont chemical company for $20 million (£13 million). His parents claim that the congenital defect is a result of his mother being sprayed with the chemical pesticide benomyl, which was used on a fruit farm near the family home outside Miami.

Benomyl is the active constituent of Benlate, which is widely used in Britain and around the world for spraying crops. It was sold for garden use in Britain until the company withdrew it last year. Benomyl was banned in Australia 15 years ago after tests on rats.

A British expert on the condition, known as anophthalmia, said he would not allow his pregnant wife to be exposed to benomyl after research showed that rats fed large quantities produced foetuses without eyes.

Richard Collin, consultant ophthalmic surgeon at Moorfields Eye Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street, London, said: "The last thing I would let my wife do is go into a greenhouse where benomyl was being sprayed. We know it is capable of producing animals without eyes and it would seem wise at the very least to limit the exposure of pregnant women."

Mr Collin, who has studied 150 babies born with the deformity over the past 15 years, said that it would be hard to prove a link with benomyl, however.

The case involving John Castillo, which is expected to last a month, is the biggest involving pesticides to reach the courts, according to Alan Care of Leigh Day and Co, the solicitor representing British families.

"It is going before a jury, instead of a judge, it involves millions of dollars and it is not about the abuse of a product but a straight fight on whether it is capable of causing injury." Mr Care has been working closely with American law firm James Ferraro, which has agreed to take British sufferers as "follow on" cases on a "no win, no fee" basis.

Juveria Memon, 38, whose son Khalid has been blind from birth, said she had never recovered from the trauma of having a baby with empty eye sockets. "Can you imagine phoning your mother to say you have had a baby but it's got no eyes?" Now aged 10, Khalid complains about being unable to see. "What do I say to him? It was not an act of God, it was negligence."

When she was pregnant Ms Memon, who now lives in Cambridge, used to visit her mother-in-law every day in Harrow, northwest London, where Benlate was used in the garden. She says that use of the chemical should have been restricted once the tests on rats showed it was capable of producing the eye deformity. "The foetus is extremely vulnerable in the early stages of development and the minutest amount of any toxin can cause damage."

A support group set up by Chris and Maggie Bourne, whose nine-year-old son Andrew is also affected, has 130 members.

A spokesman for Dupont in Britain said: "We are confident that if all the evidence is heard in a proper setting people will see that there is absolutely no link between Benlate and anophthalmia."

A safer world seen through rose-tinted spectacles

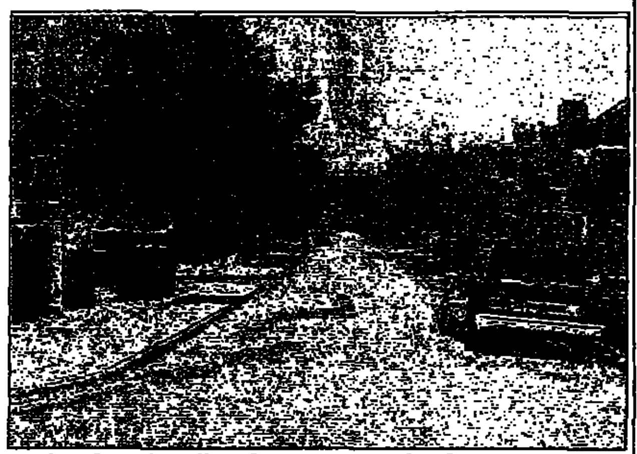
The real world: a street viewed with normal vision

STREETWISE spectacles are being developed to give a clearer view of the world to the partially sighted. The computerised system can display objects such as trees and houses in single colours — all cars are pink — and highlight other dangers such as pavement edges with flashes.

Researchers at Bristol University are looking at different ways to present the images on spectacles in a virtual-reality headset. Trials will be carried out with volunteers from the city's Eye Hospital.

The joint project under Professor Barry Thomas and Dr Tom Troscianko carries forward earlier studies for robot vision, bringing together the university's departments of computer science and psychology. Tiny video cameras in the headset will send digitised pictures to a waist-belt computer, which recognises images from a databank of everyday objects, and then presents real-life scenes in a graphic montage. In the colour system, all houses are brown and the sky is blue.

The current system takes more than ten seconds to analyse an image, but expected advances in micro-processor technology should speed the process.



The virtual reality: the street seen by the computer

Muesli-belt diet causes danger across all classes

MEDICAL BRIEFING

CAN the Health Department's rules for the adult diet be applied to the nursery without endangering a child's health? The BBC1 series *Watchdog Healthcheck* tonight reviews the diet of children from a wide variety of social backgrounds, and in consequence adds its support to the call for a return to traditional food.

The accepted view has been that muesli-belt mothers are confined to the middle-class areas of cities, but the research has shown that children are being deprived of the essential requirements of a good diet by health-conscious parents from all social classes.

Eighty per cent of the children studied were *not* being provided with the necessary fat, protein and carbohydrate. Instead, their digestive systems were being loaded with fibre, which has no energy value, contains no protein and inhibits the absorption of minerals and vitamins.

Children, like other small mammals, need high-energy food. Despite this they are often denied sugar and sugary foods by parents who fear tooth decay. The evidence is that when children's teeth decay it is not because they eat jam roly-poly or treacle tart for pudding or because they have had the occasional sweet, but because they haven't brushed their teeth properly with a good-quality toothpaste twice a day.

Fats are an essential part of the diet: they are the best source of energy and they ensure that the system for the absorption of vitamins is efficient. Without adequate fat in the diet the body is less able to create the cellular structure from which all its tissues are composed, does not manufacture hormones so effectively, does not have such an efficient immune system and does not readily absorb fat-soluble vitamins and many other necessary chemicals.

The diet of humans, whether children or adults, needs calcium, iron, copper, zinc, magnesium, silenium and a host of other trace elements. The body was designed to be omnivorous and there is no better way of obtaining these elements than through a good chop, other meat or fish or cheese. Iron is 20 times better absorbed when taken in the form in which it is found in meat than when it is obtained from vegetables. Meat eating, too, is the best way to provide a child with the amino acids essential for body building.

Britain has learnt from the dairy industry that the traditional, natural way of feeding can also be the least dangerous. Dr Jackie Stordy and Dr Charlotte Wright, whose research formed the basis of the BBC programme, found that the *overwhelming majority of* the mothers investigated were giving their young children the wrong foods.

The health conscious risk bringing up children who are pale, listless and stunted and who would not have been out of place in the prewar slums. If they want to give them the best start in life they should revert to feeding them with the traditional meat and two vegetables followed by apple charlotte with cream or custard.

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Ghana offers brief respite to Liberian refugee ship

By Eve-Ann Prentice

AFTER a week at sea, up to 4,000 sick and dying Liberian refugees on board the leaking, disease-ridden freighter *Bulk Challenger* found relief at last yesterday when the Ghanaian authorities gave them permission to dock at Takoradi. The vessel last night docked at the port, from which it had earlier been turned away.

Another boat laden with people fleeing the conflict in Liberia has been prevented from docking in Sierra Leone. Aid workers estimate that 20,000 Liberians could be at sea in search of sanctuary.

Witnesses said the Ghanaian authorities initially used huge floating cranes to prevent the freighter docking after it lurched towards the shore soon after shots were heard on board. Aid workers said shooting had been heard and it appeared that desperate refugees, many driven to drinking sea water, had overwhelmed the captain and forced him to try to dock at Takoradi.

The situation on board the freighter was unclear after a spokesman for Médecins sans Frontières, the medical charity, said 164 soldiers of Ecomog, the West African peacekeeping force in Liberia, were on board. Earlier a doctor reported the first death on the *Bulk Challenger* when a woman died from internal bleeding.

As the freighter headed back offshore after at first being repulsed, Ghanaians on the quayside at Takoradi chanted at the refugees: "Rebels, go home. Go back to Liberia, we have no chop (food) here."

Another 1,500 Liberian refugees were yesterday aboard the fishing boat *Victory River*, which Sierra Leone ordered out of Freetown harbour, aid workers said.

The vessel sailed into Freetown on Saturday, but the authorities said it had no clearance to dock and ordered it to anchor 15 miles offshore, the aid workers said. In Abidjan, the Ivory Coast capital, Médecins sans Frontières, which has a first aid ship tracking the *Bulk Challenger*, said its staff had been afraid to go board lest they were overwhelmed by panicking refugees.

"We think it's not safe to approach the ship because the refugees may try to jump into our vessel, which is only small," said Philip Doherty, the charity's regional co-ordinator. "The sea is not the right place to help the people. The freighter needs to be in port."

America has scaled down its amphibious task force off Liberia but the commander of the operation said the US commitment to the mission remained unchanged.

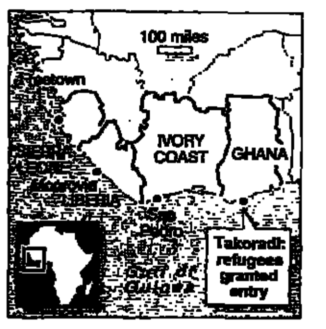
Colonel Wayne Forbush, commander of Operation Assured Response, said the *USS Trenton*, one of three ships that had been deployed 25 miles offshore, left on Thursday to take part in an exercise in Europe.

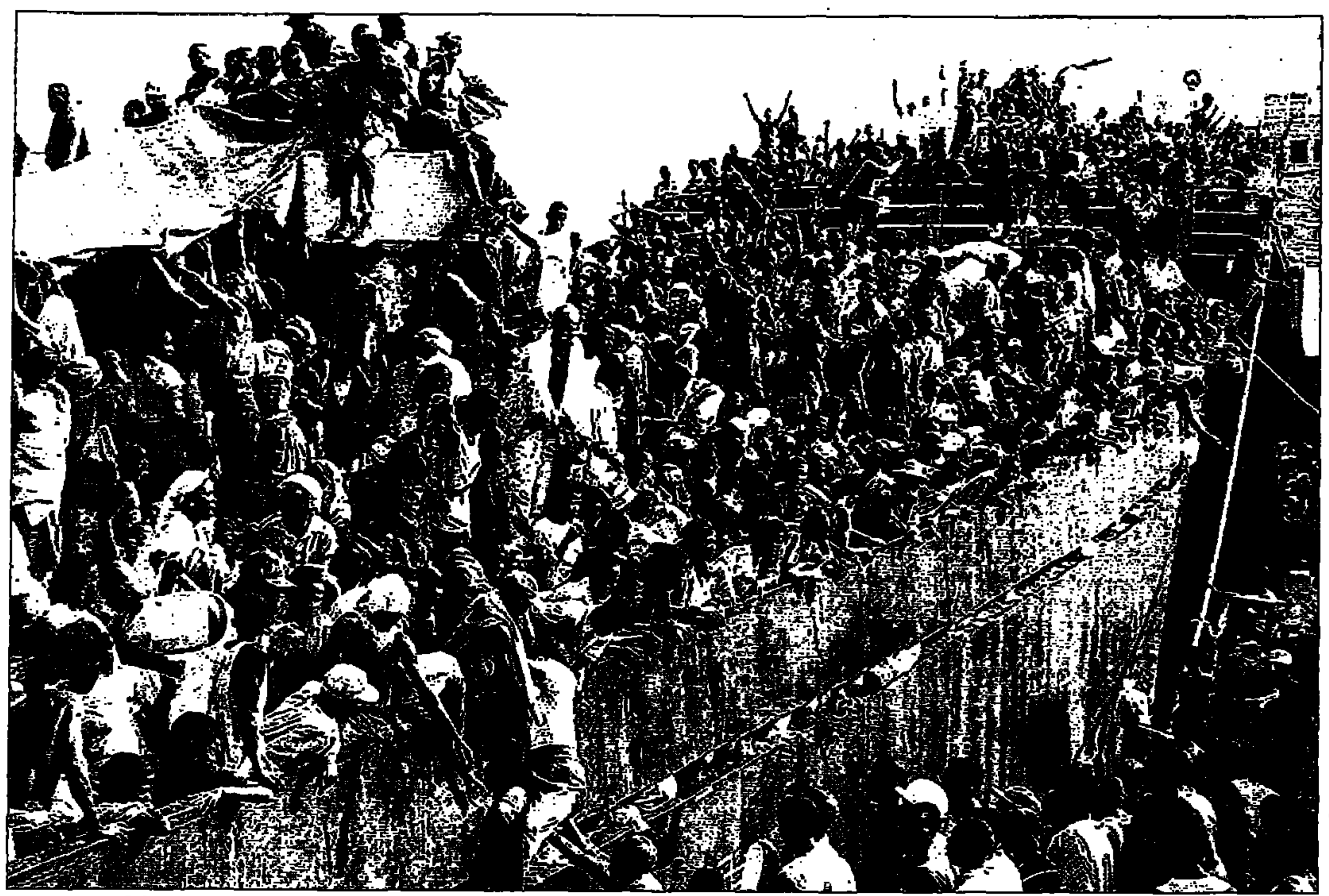
In Monrovia, the Liberian capital, West African peacekeepers yesterday shot dead two ethnic Krahn gunmen and wounded a third as they tried to loot an Indian shop, Ecomog sources said. The incident happened in the city centre on a day during which most of Monrovia was calm, apart from the occasional burst of gunfire.

Earlier, the radio station run by Charles Taylor, the man who launched Liberia's civil war in 1989, said that the ruling Council of State had ordered the arrest of any gunmen or individual caught trying to loot.

Freed American slaves set up Liberia as Africa's first republic in 1847. Many Liberians look to the United States as their mother country and some have called for direct US intervention to end six years of civil war which have killed more than 150,000 people.

Diplomatic sources claimed yesterday that Washington had put pressure on the Ghanaian authorities to allow the *Bulk Challenger* to dock.





Some of the estimated 4,000 refugees crowded on to the *Bulk Challenger* which was yesterday given permission to dock at Takoradi

De Klerk accuses ANC of racist politics

From Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg

F.W. DE KLERK, South Africa's National Party leader, has swung into action in his new role as leader of the Opposition, accusing President Mandela's African National Congress of being racist and vowing to woo disaffected voters by offering a better alternative to ANC rule.

Appearing in public at the weekend after Thursday's announcement that the Nationalists would withdraw from the Government of National Unity at the end of next month, Mr de Klerk, told jubilant members of his party's youth league that the ANC was constantly reviving the bitterness of South Africa's past "because they are not fully a non-racial party".

Accusing the ANC of thinking only in terms of "black and white" he said "what this country needs is a new political movement that brings together South Africans of all colours who believe in the same values. We are seeking the lead in bringing such a political movement together."

The manner in which South Africa's last white President has sunk his teeth into the ANC so soon after his party's pull-out was announced has caused surprise. His tough words came as a South African newspaper reported yesterday that Mr de Klerk had, according to one senior Nationalist, caused the "deepest rift ever" in the party's history by threatening to resign as party leader unless he received full backing over the decision.

The withdrawal represented a victory for party hardliners after internal conflict came to a head. A compromise was eventually reached that the National Party would vote for the Constitution, then withdraw from the Government.

☐ **ANC move:** Cyril Ramaphosa is to resign as ANC Secretary General once the new Constitution is certified, the party said yesterday. Mr Ramaphosa had previously said he would leave parliament to go into business but had added that he would stay in the ANC post. *(AFP)*

Vietnamese stage second Hong Kong camp revolt

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

A SECOND uprising by Vietnamese boat people again took Hong Kong security services by surprise over the weekend.

As a manhunt continued for 32 inmates who were among 119 to escape from Whitehead detention centre during a riot on Friday, the camp was hit by a second revolt involving 1,000 inmates.

It took 1,200 security men and 240 rounds of teargas to rescue a group of officers who had been beaten and robbed of their batons, shields and helmets. Hundreds of women and children again clambered on to the camp's huts and had to be manhandled down.

Although 180 Vietnamese, considered ringleaders of the disorders, were taken to Victoria prison. Charges will probably not be brought, because trials would delay their repatriation by over a year. Officials described the camp as tense yesterday and 200 residents from nearby villages demonstrated outside to indicate their fear of escapees, even though none of them has been attacked.

They carried placards urging the Government to scrap its policy of allowing Vietnamese refugees to land in the colony.

They also said it was Britain's responsibility to resettle the 17,500 Vietnamese remaining in Hong Kong camps. Toby Emmet, the Director of Operations and Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police, admitted that he had been surprised on Saturday morning when the second wave of Vietnamese pounced on his men as they forcibly removed several hundred refugees to another detention centre before their repatriation to Vietnam.

When the second revolt began, smoke was still rising from 26 buildings that had been burned out on Friday.

The security services appeared unprepared for either attack, although a peaceful demonstration of 5,000 inmates on Thursday, the largest ever, had led some officers to speculate that a riot was imminent.

Some detainees, interviewed while still on the run, said they feared violence from their guards and criminal gangs inside the camps.

Hong Kong: Customs agents here claimed their biggest success in the war on copyright pirates after swooping on a smuggling syndicate yesterday and seizing a record haul of compact disc copies from China. Calvin Leung, a customs official, said more than 60,000 CDs had been impounded. *(Reuter)*

Zeroual: under pressure

Algerian reforms aim to end revolt

From Associated Press in Algiers

PRESIDENT ZEROUAL of Algeria outlined constitutional reform proposals yesterday that would enforce the separation between religion and politics, guarantee economic freedom and potentially encourage political pluralism.

The changes were presented in a 22-page memorandum to political parties, organisations and individuals who participated in recent talks with the President aimed at ending Algeria's crisis. Since the military's cancellation of elections that the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front was poised to win in 1992, more than 40,000 people have died in a revolt by armed extremists seeking to overthrow the Government and establish an Islamic state in the country.

The economy and civil liberties, such as freedom of the press, have suffered as a result of the conflict, and Mr Zeroual, elected last November, is under pressure to improve conditions. The recent talks, however, did not include the Islamic Salvation Front, without whose participation many political observers think any solution is unlikely.

The proposed constitutional changes would limit the presidential mandate to a maximum of two terms, name a state supreme court and senate, and exclude religious and ethnic militancy from politics. The memorandum does not specify when elections, promised for 1997, will be held, but sets a timetable for participants in the recent talks to decide on dates. Economic liberalism and free enterprise would be made constitutional principles, the memorandum said. The participants in last month's talks have two weeks in which to reply to the proposals.

One notable omission in the memorandum was any mention of the army, traditionally Algeria's main power broker, a role contested by many opposition figures.

A car bomb on Saturday in Blida, 31 miles south of Algiers, killed three people and wounded 60, it was reported. Nobody had by last night claimed responsibility.

Readers write off TV viewing

From Quentin Letts in New York

A MAGAZINE for people who throw away their televisions has been started in Chicago and has caught the imagination of hundreds of families throughout America.

The White Dot, named after the way early television screens reacted when switched off, sold out within days of its first issue being published. Jean Lotus, the editor, said: "In America, saying you have no television is like saying you have no indoor plumbing." But she added that the standard of her life had improved dramatically since she got rid of her own set.

The $2 (£1.25) quarterly magazine carries tips on how, without a television, parents can entertain young children while they are showering or cooking (answer: take them in to the shower with you and let them "help" in the kitchen). The magazine also lists various misconceptions about the "TV-free", such as the belief that to dispose of television is to miss much of what modern conversation tends to be about. "Skimming the local newspaper's lifestyle section lets you catch up enough to understand the small talk at work," it says.

One contributor describes how he threw away his set after watching a particularly witless programme one night. Alan Sierkowski opened the window of his third-floor flat and let his black-and-white television drop into the alley below. It landed with a crash "similar to a hand gun blast", he said, adding: "I swept up the remains . . . Free at last!"

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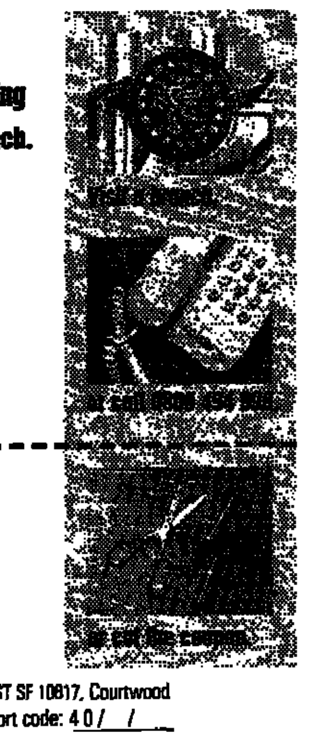

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Cold War veterans fret over Europe's fraying links with US

THIS WEEK IN EUROPE

The event which will do more than anything else to shape Europe in the remaining years of the century has nothing to do with the European Union, Tory Eurosceptics or Helmut Kohl. On June 16, Russia begins electing a new president and the repercussions of that choice will be felt across the Continent and the Atlantic.

The possibility of a win by the ex-Communist Gennadi Zyuganov added extra electricity to a weekend gathering in Prague of retired Cold War warriors who worry about the fraying link between Europe and the United States. The conference, which had the air of an anti-Soviet class reunion, launched a ponderously-titled "New Atlantic initiative". But they might as well have met under the slogan, "Waiting for Mr Zyuganov".

Neatly-suited men from Washington think-tanks mingled with Czech priests who had been ordained in secret during the Communist years. Someone introduced a shy skinhead in a double-breasted suit with the words: "I first met Jan when I was writing a piece about right-wing rock music east of the Elbe".

The svelte and enigmatic Peter Mandelson attended between telephone calls to London. For his pains, he was asked by the jovial Canadian millionaire Conrad Black what a Labour Party "spy" was doing at such a conservative gathering.

Through all this, Margaret Thatcher sailed with imperial authority, parting reverent crowds at the head of several television crews. She combined the wardrobe of Elizabeth I with the role of Cassandra, predicting doom if the West does not pull itself together.

She thumped, as "unbelievably insensitive", Helmut Kohl for suggesting that Europe might be threatened by war if its nations do not move towards political unity. She took sideswipes at George Bush's phrase about the "New World Order", which had echoes of "utopian euphoria"; at other politicians "too timid" to tell the truth, and compared the EU to the Austro-Hungarian empire. Her standing ovation was led by a Pole.

Vaclav Klaus, the Czech Prime Minister and the closest thing to a Eurosceptic in Central Europe, is running for re-election for all his Thatcherite credentials. Mr Klaus is leading his country's bid to enter the EU as fast as possible.

One of only a handful of Germans present bravely pointed out that some American hawks may even want the crisis which is liable to happen if Mr Zyuganov comes to power in Moscow. He hit a nerve.

Checking American isolationism, creating a transatlantic free trade area and sabotaging a federal Europe are fine visions. But they are for the moment as politically practical as making sunbeams out of cucumbers. And they will stay that way as long as the European agenda is shaped by a Franco-German alliance consistently backed by every American president. An aggressive President Zyuganov would start the juices of transatlantic co-operation flowing once again.

It is easy to make fun of Cold War nostalgia, but the Prague conference shone a light on neglected ideas. The end of the Soviet empire allowed Europe's governments to shrink defence budgets and to relax. But the diplomatic fiascos over Bosnia revealed that the Continent's voters had lost all interest in war.

But while the risk of superpower conflict has evaporated, the world is not risk-free. North Korea offers portable nuclear weapons for sale from a catalogue. Several rogue states may have ballistic missiles which can hit Europe before long.

Russia is busy trying to recruit allies in Central Europe. As a Hungarian MP reminded me: "Hitler said that in Europe there is no space without a master. The Russians know this." Sooner or later, Europe will have to come to terms with these under-rated problems. In theory, Europe is dealing with the power vacuum in central Europe by taking new members into the EU and Nato. But the work is dragging and, distracted by the single currency, most EU politicians have stopped bothering to give high profile support to the East.

Meanwhile, some ugly tendencies are breeding: the anti-German, anti-Gypsy, anti-Jewish Republic Party looks set to become the third strongest in the Czech Republic in this month's general election.

Reuniting a continent split by Stalin should be promoted as the leading moral task for the rising generation of European politicians. Instead, it has become an administrative chore.

GEORGE BROCK

Serb 'war criminal' is innocent loving father, family say

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN PRIJEDOR

MIRA TADIC sits at home in the Bosnian town of Prijedor listening to stories that her loving husband and father of her two children, is a psychotic monster capable of unspeakable evil.

The memorabilia in the household of Dusan Tadic, on trial in The Hague for war crimes, seems incongruous for an alleged killer. The images of Mr Tadic in the family photo album portray a compassionate father and husband who doted on his daughters and embraced his Muslim neighbours. A family video shows Mr Tadic at a party in his native Kozarac, drinking with his best friend Emir Karabasic, a Muslim policeman.

Is this the same man who conducted a reign of terror in north-western Bosnia in 1992? Or is he a victim of mistaken identity?

The indictment issued by the International War Crimes Tribunal describes Mr Tadic as a sadistic killer who supervised a reign of terror across his hometown and the surrounding area, torturing, killing and raping his Muslim neighbours, including his best friend.

How is it possible, his family asks, that the man the tribunal claims brutally beat and killed his former neighbours by day, remained a gentle and loving father who played with his daughters and looked after his wife and mother when he came home at night?

"I saw my father every night that summer," said Valentina, 17, the eldest of Mr Tadic's two daughters. "He could not have done those things. How could anyone believe he did?"

Mira Tadic is a petite 36-year-old nurse who speaks to her husband once a week on the telephone and will not believe the horror stories.

"If I believed any of the accusations, I would not be with him," said Mrs Tadic as she sat with seven-year-old Saska, her younger daughter, looking at the photographs of their old life together in the village of Kozarac.

"The accusations are rumours, propaganda spread by people who suffered and want somebody to blame," she added.

Mr Tadic's former Muslim neighbours, however, have no trouble believing any of the accusations. "I have absolutely no doubt that the man who beat me was Dusan Tadic," said one of Mr Tadic's former neighbours, a childhood friend who would not give his name because he is going to testify at the trial.

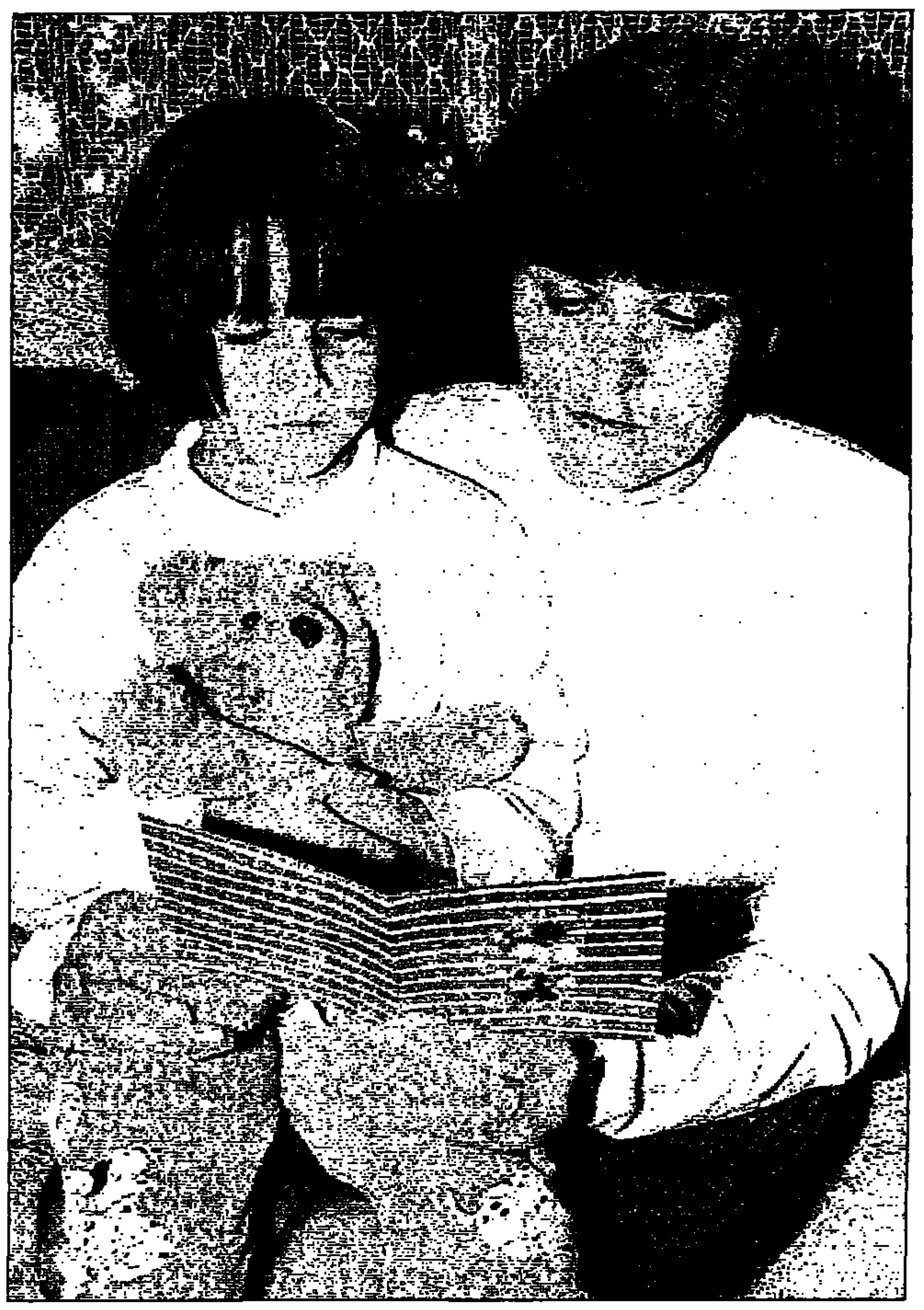
"I can't understand what happened to that guy," he said. "We grew up together. I used to spend holidays with the Tadic family in a summer house in the mountains ... I still have nightmares about it. After doing all those things, he can't hide anywhere, not even from himself."

Survivors of the infamous Omarska, Trnopolje and Keratern detention camps where Mr Tadic is alleged to have paid visits as a freelance executioner, insist he became infected with a cruel brand of nationalism that swept across the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s. They say something snapped in Mr Tadic in 1992, turning him into a brutal killer who turned against his friends.

As the trial proceeds, the question of who is right will probably become clearer, but it may never be possible to know if Mr Tadic is a compassionate family man, a brutal killer, or both.

Tribunal to hear killing details

The Hague tribunal will later this week begin hearing details of the campaign of murder, torture and sexual violence allegedly waged by Dusan Tadic against the Muslims of the Prijedor region in north-west Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1992. A total of 57 people have been indicted but just three are in custody.



Mira Tadic, the wife of Dusan Tadic, the Serb being tried for war crimes in The Hague, looks at family pictures at home in Bosnia with their daughter Saska, 7

European 'threat' to peace in Bosnia

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE architect of the fragile peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina has accused European governments of threatening stability in the Balkans by undermining the Dayton peace accord.

Richard Holbrooke said the United States had completed the military goals outlined last year. But he said there were "disturbing signs" that some Europeans no longer seemed committed to the civilian side of the deal, including economic reconstruction, the return of refugees, prosecution of war criminals and preparations for elections.

The former Assistant Secretary for European Affairs who masterminded the American-brokered agreement, cited three options for the future of Bosnia: renewed conflict, successful federation, or partition.

"I consider the chances of renewed war to be low," he writes in *Time* magazine today. "But it is distressing that some important European officials are privately writing off Dayton's political provisions and preparing the ground for *de facto* partition next year."

The White House is eager to avoid problems over Bosnia before November's presidential elections and Mr Holbrooke's attack on Europe was seen as political cover for President Clinton should Congress insist that he withdraw American forces by the agreed deadline at the end of the year.

WORLD SUMMARY

Arson at home of novelist

Atlanta: The apartment house nicknamed "the Dump" where Margaret Mitchell wrote much of the novel *Gone With The Wind* was virtually destroyed in a fire yesterday that officials said was started deliberately.

"Firemen smelled petrol when they first started attacking the fire," a fire department investigator said. The vacant three-storey building where Mitchell lived in the 1920s had been heavily damaged in a 1994 fire. Last year, Daimler-Benz AG, the German car manufacturer, agreed to pay $4 million (£2.64 million) to restore the building. *(Reuter)*

New powers for Chinese army

Peking: China's parliament is to pass a defence law that empowers the People's Liberation Army to crush rebellions and struggles for regional independence, along with a new gun law to fight violent crime, state media reported. The law provides the death penalty for gun offences and stipulates that the Communist Party has absolute leadership of the army. *(Reuter)*

Museveni backs economic reform

Kampala: President Museveni of Uganda was sworn in for a five-year term after winning 74.2 per cent of valid votes in the presidential election against 23.7 per cent for Paul Ssemogerere, the main opposition candidate. He promised to continue with reforms that have given Uganda one of Africa's fastest-growing economies. *(Reuter)*

Help sought over British hostage

Phnom Penh: The Cambodian military will ask Thai counterparts to help negotiate the release of Christopher Howes, a British mine removal expert, and a translator kidnapped by the Khmer Rouge, it was reported. Mr Howes, 36, of Bristol and 26 Cambodians were taken hostage on March 25. *(AFP)*

Inmates see key to clean getaway

New York: Two "trusty" prisoners on car washing duty in Decatur, Texas, escaped in a sheriff's Jeep after being given the keys and told to park it in Wise County jail yard (Quentin Letts writes). The Jeep was equipped with a police radio, which could have helped them to evade capture.

Beef tops agenda for Chirac visit

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC arrives at Waterloo Station tomorrow for a four-day state visit that will underline France's extremely close defence relations with Britain and, the Government hopes, win a more sympathetic hearing in Paris for its views on the beef crisis and the future of the European Union.

Like the best French feasts, the visit has been designed with something to tempt every palate: a wealth of British pomp and pageantry, a dash of Gallic charm, a little beef and a range of elaborate and sugary desserts.

The visit, on the anniversay of M Chirac's installation in the Elysée, is intended to demonstrate that whatever the disagreements over monetary union and European integration, France remains one of Britain's closest partners in Europe. The contrast with François Mitterrand's final years as President could not be greater. M Chirac, a bluff, English-speaker with down-to-earth tastes, is a man that John Major believes he can do business with. The two struck up an immediate personal and political rapport, and the President's first working visit to London last October was marked by effusive warmth on both sides.

The first day will be almost entirely ceremonial. M Chirac will arrive by Eurostar and will be met by Princess Margaret. He will have lunch at Buckingham Palace, lay wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior and the Charles de Gaulle memorial and conclude the day with the traditional state banquet.

Political discussion will be limited to a session at Downing Street on Wednesday. The main issues are predictable: the beef crisis, the inter-governmental conference and EU enlargement, Bosnia, defence and nuclear co-operation, and Nato. There will also be talks on terrorism and drugs co-operation, where both sides may want make announcements.

To demonstrate his concern with urban problems, on Thursday the President has chosen to visit depressed Easterhouse in Glasgow, where he will see the work by the Prince's Trust and perhaps gain additional insight into tackling France's troubled inner cities.

The Lord Mayor of London will host a Guildhall lunch, the Government will give its lunch amid the splendour of Hampton Court, and M Chirac will invite the Queen to a reciprocal banquet before leaving. He will also address Parliament in French, with simultaneous translation.

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Bossi names leadership for breakaway 'Padania' state

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

DESPITE warnings that moves toward secession will be met with force, Umberto Bossi, the leader of the separatist Northern League, yesterday announced his "government" in Padania, the name given by the League to Italy's northern provinces.

Signor Bossi made his announcement at the self-styled "Parliament of the North" in Mantua. The parliament also formed a "Committee for the Liberation of the North", which will convene in June.

The "prime minister" in the ten-member government was named as Giancarlo Pagliarani, a leading Northern League MP and a former Budget Minister.

The meeting was policed by stewards in green shirts, who are seen as the kernel of a Padanian armed force. In the south, pro-unity demonstrators wore red shirts yesterday at Marsala in Sicily to mark the anniversary of landings by Garibaldi's "one thousand", which paved the way for unification in the 1860s.

Signor Bossi said Padania was the best hope of a "way out" for Italy, which was "heading for collapse". Signor Pagliarani said everyone was against the League because it was trying to "change the map of power to make Italy more rational". He said he favoured "a Europe of the regions".

Bossi: claims Italy is heading for collapse

Signor Bossi wants Padania to have its own national football team and Italian athletes competing in the Atlanta Olympics will be discreetly monitored in case any unfurl the banner of Padania.

In last month's election, which otherwise benefited the Left, the Northern League made a strong showing by appealing to northern resentment of high taxation and subsidies paid to the poorer south and won 59 seats in the Lower House plus 27 seats in the Senate.

The new Speaker of the Lower House, Luciano Violante, a leading member of the Party of the Deocratic Left (PDS), or former Communists, warned Signor Bossi on Friday that the forthcoming Centre Left government led by Romano Prodi would use force if necessary to prevent the country splitting in two.

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FROM TROUBLE TO DOUBLE: THE SEASON OF OOH AAH

THE transformation of Eric Cantona, from social outcast to a man able to turn the other cheek while being spat upon on the steps to the Royal Box at Wembley, appears so complete that one wonders whether some kind of mind altering therapy has been at work (Rob Hughes writes).

This is not just a judgment passed on the man whose temper burst so that he took a leap into the crowd at Selhurst Park in January 1995, but on the same player who in pique had more than once put his boot into a fallen opponent. "I have tried to correct myself, but I have lost my game," he reasoned.

Wrong, Eric. As wrong as so many critics were when they would have denied the atonement which during the past season has provided an example way beyond sport, an example of exemplary behaviour under stress that has earned respect and esteem beyond his wildest dream.

To hear Cantona say now that England is the place for him and his young family, that he might follow the example of Ruud Gullit and actually manage here, is some compliment, both to his new self control and England's ability to come to terms with its own xenophobia. To achieve, at the same time, the leadership of a club regaining both the League and FA Cup trophies is a double endorsement.

His part on the field includes vital goals that directly account for 21 points in the FA Carling Premiership, including that five-goal spell where he scored the only goals of United's matches.

He had long affected United's mood, from an irrational and dark period to the embracement of youth. When Cantona snarled, so did United; now Cantona purrs, they do the same.

He came out talking, on television in England and in France, after a year of almost monastic silence last weekend. He said that we misinterpreted confidence as arrogance, and then swaggered on to the red carpet at Wembley. He actually smiled, a man coming close to harmony with himself and his public world.

His advice to the five young fledglings who have been part of the team success at Old Trafford? — "The most important season for them is next season. The real difficulty will be in their heads." Yours too, Monsieur, yours too.

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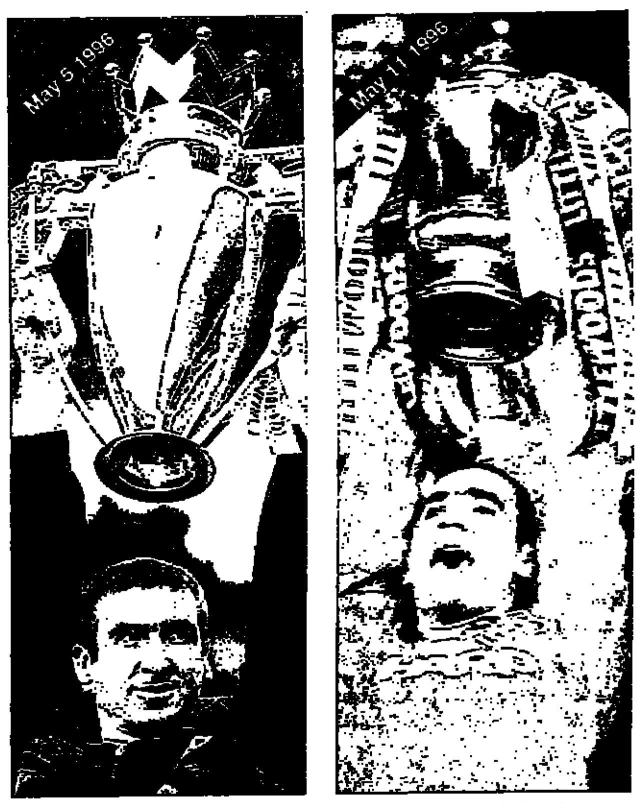
PETER POWELL

Manchester United's captain and inspiration runs to celebrate with his supporters after scoring the winner against Liverpool at Wembley

STEVE LINDSELL

In the crowd and out of the game for eight months



Two trophies in six days: Premiership and FA Cup

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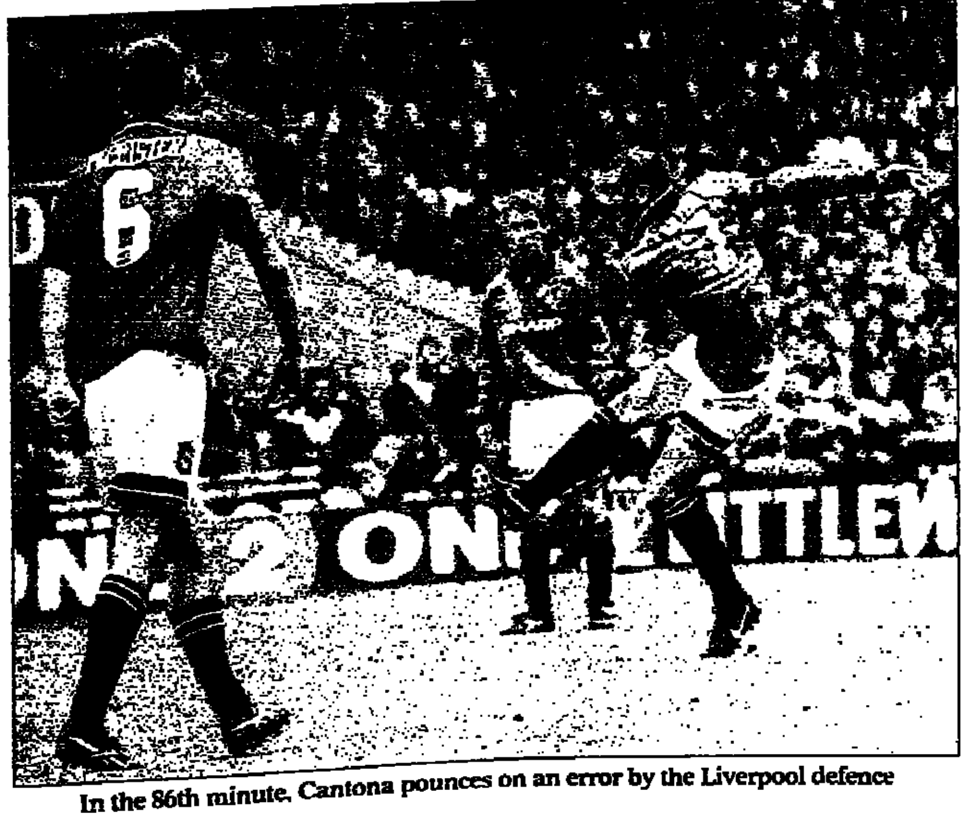
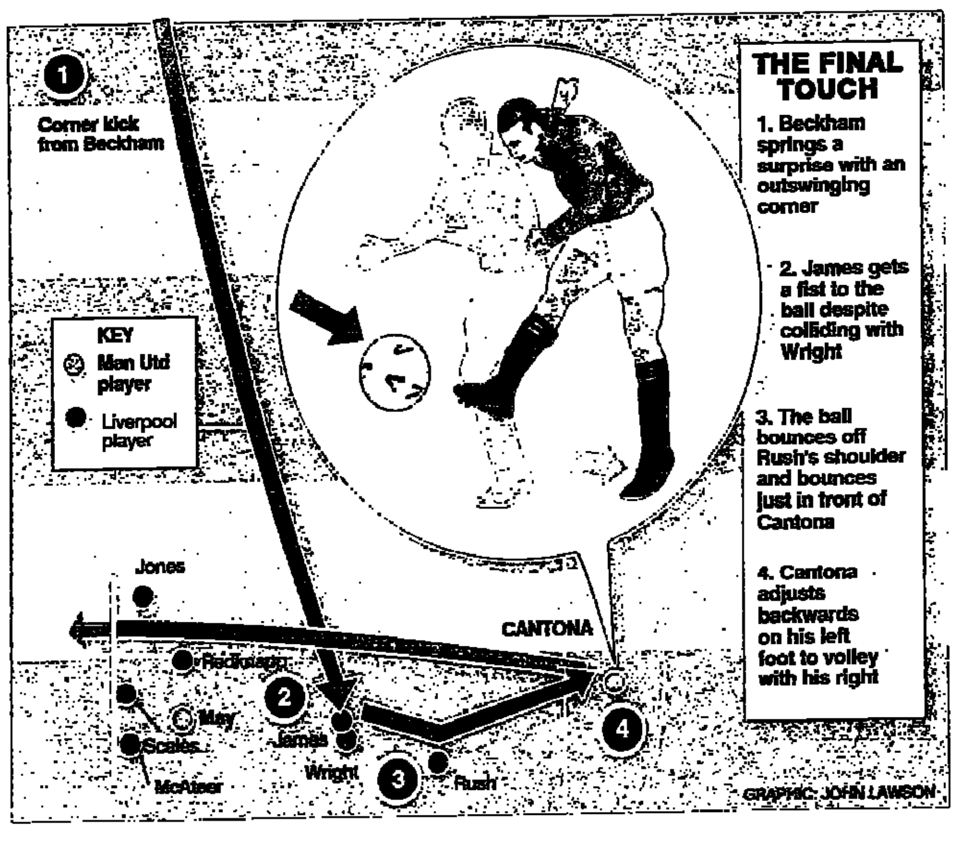


In the 86th minute, Cantona pounces on an error by the Liverpool defence



THE FINAL TOUCH

1. Beckham springs a surprise with an outswinging corner
2. James gets a fist to the ball despite colliding with Wright
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Davies finds flaw in BBC's magic carpet

ANDREW LONGMORE

TV ACTION REPLAY

"What sort of things do you worry about the night before a big game?" Gary Richardson asked Dermot Gallagher, the referee, in the build-up to the Cup Final (*FA Cup Final Grandstand*, BBC1). He should have asked the same question of the incomparable Barry Davies.

"Well," Davies might have replied, "there's the pre-match entertainment when a few busty blondes prance about the centre circle while a host of children file on to hold up the sponsor's boards and the two sets of supporters do their best to wreck each other's anthems and the FA unleash the teams in the middle of *Abide with me*. Or, then again, the game might be so dreadful that people actually notice what I am saying. Or, there is the problem of trying to prompt Trevor Brooking into saying something really spiteful like: 'I don't think that pass was meant to go there' or 'Collymore is not quite playing up to his usual standard'. Or . . ." Poor Davies.

Even the most expensive Persian carpet has a flaw woven into it, to let out the Devil, but, according to the BBC's sycophantic build-up, there was not the merest fleck of weakness in either team. Giggs was "sensational", Schmeichel "unbeatable" (true, but Liverpool did not test him very hard), Cantona — well more of him later — McManaman "unstoppable", Fowler "irrepressible", Barnes "magical".

Yet what did they produce? A match of such turgid incompetence, the national grid must have short-circuited 30 minutes earlier than usual as the nation decided that there was time to brew up, and pop in the milk, while Cole was circling under a high ball like a trainee circus sea lion. "Wobbly legs at the moment, I'm afraid," Davies opined.

At half-time, Hansen and Lineker picked up the Cole theme. "He's clueless," Hansen, a defender, still reeling from his "can't win anything with kids" assessment of United's chances this season, said. Lineker sprung — ambled, perhaps — to the defence of a fellow striker in distress. "I had a spell like that at Barcelona," he said. "Terry Venables told me to forget about anything else and go for goal, just go for it. It worked."

The BBC's answer to Saint and Greavsie have had a good season, Hansen all edge and opinion, Lineker the cool voice of reason. Even Jimmy Hill forecast the substitution of Cole correctly, along with 10 million viewers, who had doubled their bets by predicting the imminent substitution of Hill after a bout of woeful half-time rambling.

Contrast is essential to sporting punditry. Different voices, different attitudes. Hill is scripted to play the informed punter, a foil to the pros, but, to adapt an old joke, the informed punter would win hands down. Hansen treats Hill like a slightly dotty uncle, and even gentle Des Lynam had to cut his mate off at the knees: "Is this getting a little confused, Jim?" Certainly was.

Lynam had already enjoyed his moment of glory with ze *interview*. Presumably, Lynam was chosen because he is a big fish among sardines. Or maybe it was his range of questions which, translated into GCSE multiple choice, would have read something like: Ereec (even Davies, later, adopted a French accent), are you: a) wonderful, b) jolly wonderful, c) absolutely brilliant. Please answer in a dark, fisherman's voice, wearing a Nike baseball cap on your head. If Cantona had been a trout, he would have been tickled out of the water. At least, there was no cod philosophy.

We learnt that Cantona likes to be in harmony with his body and his mind, that he will stay with United until doomsday or someone else comes up with a better offer, whichever is sooner, and that the affection of the United supporters moves him close to tears. Not earth-shattering stuff, but Cantona could claim a place in a Dictionary of Quotations with a recital of *Little Bo Peep* — and he did decide the game, with a volley of stunning inevitability, captured succinctly by Davies: "So there is to be a memorable end to a poor Cup final, after all." Enough said. He is by some distance the best football commentator on television.

However, the BBC's finest moment was yet to come and full marks to the producer for spotting it and going with it. As United prepared to accept the Cup, Bruce, the club captain, and Cantona, the captain on the day, were pictured deciding who should lead the team up the steps. Each wanted the other to do it. Bruce had the last word. Cantona, body and mind in perfect harmony, collected the Cup. The producer even cut back to the tracksuited figure of Bruce, arms folded, eyes proud waiting alone at the bottom. Finally, after five hours, an unchoreographed moment, a flash of spontaneity, a second of great television. If only the match had provided more of them.

Impressive Christie on Olympic schedule

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN ARNSBERG

STILL he would not disclose whether he will defend his Olympic title this summer, but Linford Christie's first 100 metres of the season yesterday was a performance which said enough for now. In his corresponding races of 1992, when he won his Olympic gold medal, and 1993, when he became world champion, he was not as quick as he was here.

If this small western German town marked Christie's first step on the road to Atlanta, it was taken with a Jonathan Edwards-sized stride. This was Christie's first race since his 36th birthday, but, having become the oldest Olympic men's champion at 100 metres when he was 32, he may not be finished with that record yet. On a cold day — a temperature of 50F is not conducive to sprinting — Christie recorded 10.20sec. In 1992, he opened with a hand-timed 10.3sec and, in his first 100 metres of 1993, recorded 10.26sec.

Although helped by a following wind here, at 0.6 metres per second it was not much. While the opposition was not of the highest class, Patrick Stevens, from Belgium, and Marc Blume, from Germany, are both decent sprinters. Stevens, second in 10.28sec, is among the fastest 200-metre runners in the world this year and Blume, third in 10.32sec, won the European indoor 60 metres title in March.

Given the improvement to be expected from ten weeks of training and competition between now and the Olympics, it is hard to imagine Christie, who lost his world title last year, not being tempted.

He refused even to discuss it yesterday. "No Olympic questions," he said to waiting journalists. Eleven months ago, he said on television that he would not be defending his Olympic title, but, when the season was over, he softened his stance, saying: "If I feel like it, I will change my mind." Yesterday he used different words, but delivered the same message.

Arnsberg is an industrial town, specialising in lighting systems, but there was little light coming from Christie. "If I go to the Olympics, you will see me there on TV," he said. "It is a long way ahead and I am not planning anything. I am running quite well and taking one race at a time."

Carl Lewis, for one, will not buy that. Lewis, twice the Olympic 100 metres champion, was quoted recently: "Absolutely Linford is going to run, he is just playing games." There were two statements that Christie was definite about. He will run for Great Britain in the European Cup next month and this season will be his last.

This was Christie's first race since his indoor season was cut short by injury three months ago and before which he had run a wind-assisted 10.00sec in Australia. He has clearly recovered. His time yesterday was a track record, beating the 10.24sec of Leroy Burrell, the world record-holder from the United States.

It was a curious choice of venue for Christie to begin his season, the small meeting attracting only 3,000 spectators and only two world champions — Astrid Kumbernuss (discus) and Lars Riedel (shot).

Christie's appearance fee of 40,000 marks (around £17,500) was an unspoken incentive, but he was worth every pfennig, according to Paul Senske, the editor of the sponsoring local radio station. "To these people [the spectators], he is a fantastic hero," Senske said.

"He wants to do a lot of smaller meetings this year," Sue Barrett, Christie's manager, said. Christie added: "I want to try to go to places I have not been before." Such as Atlanta, perhaps?

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Stockdale emerges as clear winner

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

TIM STOCKDALE and Toggi Santa's Echo brought the showjumping events at The Royal Windsor Horse Show to a fitting climax when they won the Barbour grand prix, the richest event of the week, with the only clear round in the seven-horse jump-off.

It was Stockdale's third successive grand prix win with the 15-year-old grey gelding — and the most satisfying. In a thrilling jump-off, on perfect ground in front of a vociferous crowd, he completed a faultless round against the clock which Great Britain's three leading Olympic contenders — Nick Skelton, plus Michael and John Whitaker — all failed to match.

Marion Hughes, of Ireland, making her first appearance at Windsor since 1981 — when she competed in the Pony Club Mounted Games — took second place with Flo Joe, her Queen Elizabeth II Cup-winner. Skelton, who was drawn last, was two seconds up on Stockdale's time, but hit the last fence on Sublime and finished third.

"I was sure he was going to win it. I couldn't help giving a cheer when he hit the last," Stockdale, who won £3,200, said. Skelton had made a similar mistake on Showtime, his Olympic contender, when trying to match Stockdale's winning round in the Maubeuge grand prix in France last month.

Stockdale, who also won the Jerez de la Frontera grand prix in February, has competed in 11 Nations Cup events but, at 31, has yet to fulfil his ambition of riding in a British championship team. Atlanta is not a realistic prospect, but he hopes that Toggi Samoens, his young horse — in which he has invested most of his money — may take him to the Sydney Games.

His immediate concern is keeping Santa's Echo sound for the Spanish circuit later this month. For the past two years, the gelding has been sidelined through injury for several months after success at Windsor. "I'm very careful with him now and jump him sparingly," Stockdale said.

Michael Whitaker was reassured by the performance of Midnight Madness, his reserve horse for Atlanta, who was competing for the first time since his poor showing in Paris in March. Drawn fifth in the jump-off, the 13-year-old gelding, who won the event last year, just clipped the third fence to finish fourth.

JULIAN HERBERT

Stockdale, on Toggi Santa's Echo, during his event-winning clear round at Windsor

George Bowman, who first won at Windsor in 1974, gained a popular tenth win in the Harrods driving grand prix, driving his team of two Cumbrian Cobs and two Russian Orlovs. Bowman, who lost his national title to Karen Bassett last September, had a faultless round in the obstacle driving, the final phase, to finish eight points ahead of Harry de Ruyter, of Holland, who won the marathon on Saturday.

There was disappointment in the show ring for Katy Jones, on Mytilene, her mother's working hunter pony. They were announced the winners of the working hunter pony championship only to have it taken away from them when the seven -year-old chesnut mare, who won last year when ridden by Hayden Hanky, refused to behave during the presentation ceremony.

Young Dragonara, the original reserve, was named the champion as Mytilene made an undignified exit from the ring.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Malaysia put paid to Britain's hopes

GREAT Britain's hopes of taking third place in the Sultan Azlan Shah hockey tournament in Ipoh, Malaysia, were dashed yesterday when they lost a penalty shoot-out 4-3 after a 2-2 draw with Malaysia (Sydney Friskin writes). South Korea beat Australia 4-2 on penalties after the final ended goalless.

Britain hotly disputed the goal that gave Malaysia a 2-1 lead nine minutes into the second half, claiming that Vickneswaran, who had lunged at a free hit taken from outside the circle, did not get a touch before the ball landed in the goal. Yuri Platanov, the Russian umpire, stuck to his guns after consulting the other umpire. Nick Thompson scored from a short corner a minute later to ease the pain.

In the first half, Mun Fatt Lam had scored for Malaysia in the seventh minute, with Robert Thompson equalising 13 minutes later from McGuire's free hit. Two players failed to find the target for Britain in the shoot-out: McGuire hit a post and Mayer's shot was saved.

Bayfield sprints in

CYCLING: Joe Bayfield, who came within four seconds of winning the Thwaites grand prix last week, proved the fastest finisher at the end of the 100-mile Harpers grand prix yesterday, winning the six-man sprint to the line on a rollercoaster Surrey course. Dave Rand was second, a length behind, with Neil Hoban a close third.

"I have spent the past week training hard," Bayfield said. "It paid off and gave me the stamina to win today." Bayfield lines up in Portsmouth tomorrow for the six-day mountain bike Tour of Britain.

☐ Julia Freeman, from Romford, Essex, is Great Britain's new women's ten-mile time-trial champion. It is her first national title. She beat Sarah Phillips, of Scotland, the winner last year, by 3sec to record a championship record time of 21min 28sec at Heversham, Cumbria.

Thompson makes mark

RUGBY UNION: England, including only eight of them team that lost to France three weeks ago, beat Italy 39-8 in the under-21 international at Paese.David Thompson, the Millfield schoolboy, sent them on their way with the first of the team's five tries, Rees (two), Benton and Luger scoring the others. Thompson has had a successful season at full back in England's 18 Group side, but he played against Italy on the wing, Paul Sampson appearing at full back.

Doohan steals victory

MOTORCYCLING: Michael Doohan, right, the 500cc world champion from Australia, snatched victory on his Honda in the Spanish Grand Prix in Jeréz, after Alex Criville, the local favourite, crashed on the final bend. Criville had held off a strong challenge from Doohan for 24 of the race's 27 laps, but, after being overtaken by Doohan, lost control as he fought back.

Women make a point

BOWLS: The English Women's Indoor Bowling Association (EWIBA) beat their outdoor counterparts of the English Women's Bowling Association at Royal Leamington Spa on Saturday. Preferring to wear their indoor apparel rather than the outdoor dress code, which includes, among other things, hats and brown shoes, they won 113-110. "It's the way we dress indoors during the winter," an EWIBA official said.

Ivankov strikes gold

GYMNASTICS: Ivan Ivankov, of Belorussia, retained the European championship with a narrow victory over Vitaly Scherbo, his compatriot, in the individual competition in Copenhagen on Saturday. Ivankov collected 57.898 points, while Scherbo, a winner of five Olympic gold medals, scored 57.874 points. Alexei Voropaev, of Russia, was third. Lee McDermott, of Great Britain, was joint-fourteenth on 54.650 points and Dominic Brindle was 22nd with 35.500 points.

Australians in final

REAL TENNIS: Wayne Davies, the former world champion, and Paul Tabley, his fellow Australian, reached the final of the BNB Resources British professional championship with thrilling semi-final victories against, respectively, Mike Gooding, of Hatfield, and Ruaraidh Gunn, the young Oratory School professional. Gunn produced the upset of the tournament in the quarter-finals when he beat Lachie Deuchar, the No 2 seed.

Faulds' Olympic boost

RIFLE SHOOTING: Richard Faulds, 19, comfortably won the English Open sporting championship at Shugborough shooting ground, Staffordshire, yesterday and gave a demonstration of his Olympic qualifying form. Faulds, the world and European junior champion, posted the highest qualifying score, missing only three clays out of a possible 100. Faulds went into the final shoot-off with a four-shot advantage that he did not relinquish.

Carretero fluffs walk-off part

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN HAMBURG

ROBERTO CARRETERO still has a lot to learn about being a tennis champion. His most important lesson yesterday, having won the Panasonic German Open with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 demolition of Alex Carretja, was to remember to stick around to collect the winner's cheque.

Carretero, 20, a qualifier from Madrid, had never been in this position before and, having won the final, promptly packed his bags, waved to the crowd and headed for the locker room.

Fortunately for Carretero and his bank balance, there were more experienced hands around to pull him back for the presentation and the £320,000 cheque. In one week, he has more than doubled his career earnings and, more valuable to him in the long run, jumped up the world rankings from 143 to the top 60.

Throughout the week, Carretero has taken his time to warm to his task in every match, but yesterday he started well against Carretja only to lose his way and the first set. The thundering forehand was as powerful as ever but not accurate enough, while his attempts to outwit Carretja from the net were often wide of the mark.

The men exchanged breaks at the start of the third set, but it was Carretero who looked to be struggling more. Only after staving off three break points to level at 2-2 did he start to take charge again with his forehand finding its range. From there, it was a case of finishing off Carretja before cramp — this was his first five-set match — finished Carretero.

Carretero: qualifier

Now Carretero has muscled his way into the limelight, the real test will be to prove he is not a one-hit wonder. With the cheque in the bank and his first trophy in his grasp, he has to start again in Rome this week with a first-round encounter with Mark Philippoussis.

"I was nervous at first because I had never played in such a big final," he said. "This is a real dream victory, it was unimaginable that I would come as a qualifier so far. At the presentation ceremony, I didn't know what I was supposed to do. In the third set I got cramp and had to have a massage. I just couldn't play any more."

Tired Hingis fails final test

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARTINA HINGIS'S fairytale run at the Italian Open tennis tournament ground to a halt in Rome yesterday when she was swept aside, 6-2, 6-3, by Conchita Martinez, of Spain, in the final.

Martinez, who became the first woman to win the title four years in a row, was simply too strong physically and mentally for an opponent worn down by her efforts in reaching the final.

Martinez, who had easily won their only previous meeting — in the final in Hamburg last year — fully exploited an abysmal first-set performance by the young Swiss.

Unrecognisable from the player who had defeated Steffi Graf, the world No 1, in the quarter-finals, Hingis, 15, sprayed her shots all round the court.

Hingis said afterwards that she had simply ran out of steam.

"It was too much after the last week," she said. "It was too hard to put the balls where I should have. With Conchita, you have to concentrate on every ball and it was too much.

"It was not my forehand, it was not my backhand, it was my head. I just couldn't concentrate."

Martinez, using her powerful forehand to good effect, was able to break Hingis at will in the opening set as she raced into a 5-0 lead. Hingis finally rallied, serving out for 5-1 and then broke Martinez for 5-2 before the skies opened and the rain came down to halt proceedings for 20 minutes.

Martinez: record victory

Martinez, though, returned to court no less determined, racing into a 40-0 lead before breaking Hingis to take the set.

Hingis broke in the opening game of the second, but then contrived to lose her own service after being 40-0 up.

The decisive moment in the second set came in the eighth game, when Martinez rattled up three break points at 40-0 and converted the second when Hingis put a return wide for 5-3.

Martinez immediately swept to 40-0 before a fine two-handed backhand winner down the line from Hingis pegged her back to 40-15.

However, she took the match on the next point, when Hingis attempted a lob that sailed beyond the baseline.

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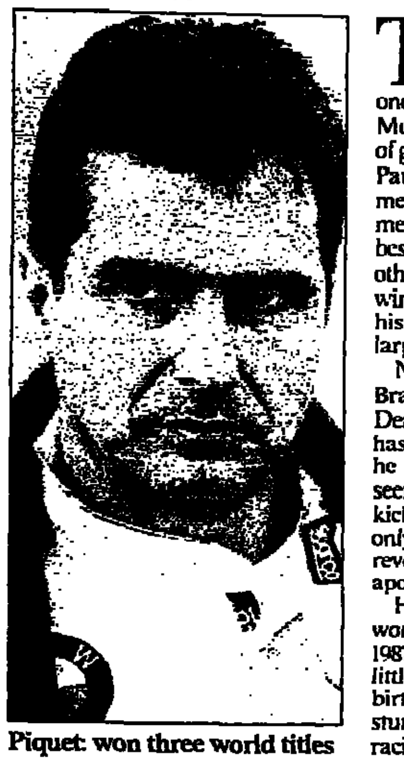
Piquet still vying for pole position among the greats


Piquet: won three world titles

Oliver Holt on a burning rivalry that lives on two years after the tragic death of Ayrton Senna

Two Brazilians each won *three* Formula One world championships. The body of one has lain in a grave in the Morumbi Cemetery, a rare oasis of green in the urban sprawl of São Paulo, for more than two years, his memory hallowed by his countrymen, remembered by most as the best driver there ever was. The other Brazilian was at a cold, windy Silverstone this weekend, his presence unheralded and largely unnoticed.

Nelson Piquet is the Marlon Brando to Ayrton Senna's James Dean; a driver whose greatness has been distilled by the fact that he is still alive, that people have seen him grow old. He races for kicks now, dancing on the edge in only one respect. In a world that reveres Senna, Piquet is an apostate.

He is thinner now than when he won his titles in 1981, 1983 and 1987, his hair shorter, his face a *little pinched as he nears his 44th* birthday. He walks the slow, stumbling walk American motor racing people call the Indianapolis Shuffle, a legacy of the jolting, high-speed meeting he had with the concrete wall during his first visit to the speedway in 1992.

That almost ripped Piquet's feet off and effectively ended his career. He raced in the Indianapolis 500 the following year as a point of pride and made sure he got a message to Nigel Mansell, his old adversary, who was tackling the track for the first time. "Book your hospital bed early to avoid the rush," Piquet told him. Thereafter, he wandered off into motor racing's hinterlands.

Sometimes, his name crops up in small headlines in one or other of the specialist magazines. "Nelson Piquet second in Spa 24-hour race," or "Piquet's new deal with BMW". They hardly register. He says he is an amateur driver now, using sportscar races in Europe as excuses for holidays. "When I am in the car, it's quite serious," he says, "but I am not going out there *prepared to die any more.*"

He was at Silverstone, at the wheel of a BMW-powered McLaren GTR, finishing fourth in yesterday's four-hour endurance race, preparation for next month's Le Mans 24-hour race, one of his last driving ambitions. At first, he was reluctant to take part because he hates the emasculating changes that have been made to a circuit that used to be fast and free, but his Bigazzi team persuaded him it would be a good idea.

Some things have not changed. The man who once made tabloid news here for having two women pregnant at the same time, still has a beautiful companion by his side. The cynical humour that was so acidic it prompted some Brazilian journalists to nickname him "The Lemon" is still there, too. He is good company, colourful in a relaxed, self-assured way, one of the great characters whose loss Formula One is lamenting.

Piquet won the last of his world championships in 1987 just as Senna, was on the verge of greatness. Their relationship was never cordial. *If* many were surprised that Alain Prost was a pallbearer at Senna's funeral after all their previous enmity, they gave Piquet credit for not attending and laying himself open to charges of hypocrisy.

The rivalry still remains, the memories are fresh and piquant. The other great drivers of the time, Mansell, Niki Lauda and Prost have glossed over the many difficulties they had with Senna out of respect for a great lost talent. Not Piquet, the man who once called Senna "a São Paulo taxi driver". "What *I think determines what* I do," he says.

"Senna was a very quick driver," *he says,* "very *talented. But he was* very lucky to be in Formula One at the right time. If he had come in five years earlier, he would never have won anything. Because telemetry [recording readings from instruments and transmitting them by radio] was available when he arrived, he saw everything that Prost and I were doing and he copied it. He was not an inventive guy. He could not develop things. He got into a good car, the McLaren, and he won his three championships in that car. I won with different teams and engines.

"I *am* not saying he was better than me or I was better than him. There was no jealousy on my part because I had done everything before he had done anything. He was very efficient with his publicity machine and very into marketing and I did not care about that side. I drove and that was that. I did not want to be involved in all the rest of it.

"The bad part of our relationship started with a joke. He went away at the end of one season and did not appear until the start of the *next one six months later. 'I had* just won my third world championship. When the Brazilian press asked him why he had disappeared he said it was so I could have some space in the newspapers. So the media came to me and told me what he had said. So I said Senna had to explain why he did not like women and when he saw that, he got very upset."

Piquet laughs when he finishes that story, almost in affection. He has avoided bitterness over Senna's achievements even if he is keen to put his own case and rubbish his rival's. His ego has been fortified by the naming of circuits after him in his home town, Rio de Janeiro, and in Brasilia, where he is building a satellite communications business. His belief in his own superiority has never been shaken.

There is one great ambition left, too. Piquet wants to start his own British Formula Three team within the next ten years so that his son, Nelson, ten, and a young karting champion, can compete in the series. There may never be another *Ayrton Senna but the new Nelson* Piquet is already on his way.

Harrington hurries towards his destiny

FROM MEL WEBB IN MADRID

AS DAY became evening and evening began to ease into night, Padraig Harrington was poised to become the sixth golfer this season to claim the first PGA European Tour victory of his career. The crown that waited to be dropped onto his head was that of the Spanish Open; there seemed nothing that could come between him and a momentous victory.

Harrington, 24, went into the final day knowing that he would have to hold his nerve not for 18 holes, but 36. Rain rattled down like stair-rods at Club de Campo the previous day, and play was abandoned at 2.45pm, whereupon Mike Stewart, the tournament director, decided that two rounds should be played on the final day.

DETAILS

Leaders after three rounds

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

201: P Harrington 70, 64, 67. 207: P Linhart (Sp) 70, 68, 69. 208: M Gronberg (Swe) 69, 70, 69; P O'Malley (Aus) 67, 70, 71; G Brand Jr 70, 67, 71; P Haugsrud (Nor) 68, 69, 71. 209: M A Martin (Sp) 71, 70, 68; R Muntz (Holl) 68, 71, 70. 210: R Allenby (Aus) 72, 70, 68; T Price (Aus) 70, 72, 68; S Cage 69, 72, 69; J Coceres (Arg) 69, 70, 71. 211: S Torrance 70, 71, 70; S Ames (Trin) 71, 70, 70; M Roe 72, 70, 69; S Grappasonni (It) 71, 68, 72; E Darcy 68, 70, 73. 212: R Chapman 68, 74, 70; A Coltart 73, 69, 70; M Tunnicliff 75, 67, 70; D Hospital (Sp) 72, 69, 71; J L Guepy (Fr) 73, 70, 69; D Carter 70, 70, 72; L Westwood 68, 72, 72; M Wills 67, 70, 75.

"I am trying to preserve the integrity of the game, rather than taking the easy option," Stewart said. On the other hand, a cogent case could be made for describing a decision to play only 18 not as easy but sensible. Integrity is a fine thing, but so, sometimes, is pragmatism.

As it transpired, Stewart's decision was vindicated — just — but it was nonetheless fraught with danger. There seemed little to gain and much to lose by going for 36 holes in the day, especially when play was delayed for just over two hours by of all things, fog, in the morning. With the course still damp from the day before, steady rain for half an hour would have brought the whole fragile edifice clattering down round Stewart's ears.

Harrington, three times a Walker Cup player, already had clear daylight between him and his nearest rivals when he finished his second round in the dim and distant past of Friday. Yesterday he turned his lead from commanding to overwhelming with a 67, the lowest score of the third round. It was hardly anybody's tournament to win, but it was certainly his to lose. The only way another man could climb onto the victory rostrum would be Harrington's failure or fear of winning.

As it transpired, neither failure nor fear was on the agenda. He had only one bogey in the third round, at the 11th, his second. It did not deter him, for he retrieved the slip with three consecutive birdies and another at the 17th to reach the turn in 33. Two more birdies coming home meant that, as he munched a late light lunch, he had the comfort of a six-shot advantage separating him from Pedro Linhart, his nearest rival, who was playing two groups ahead of him.

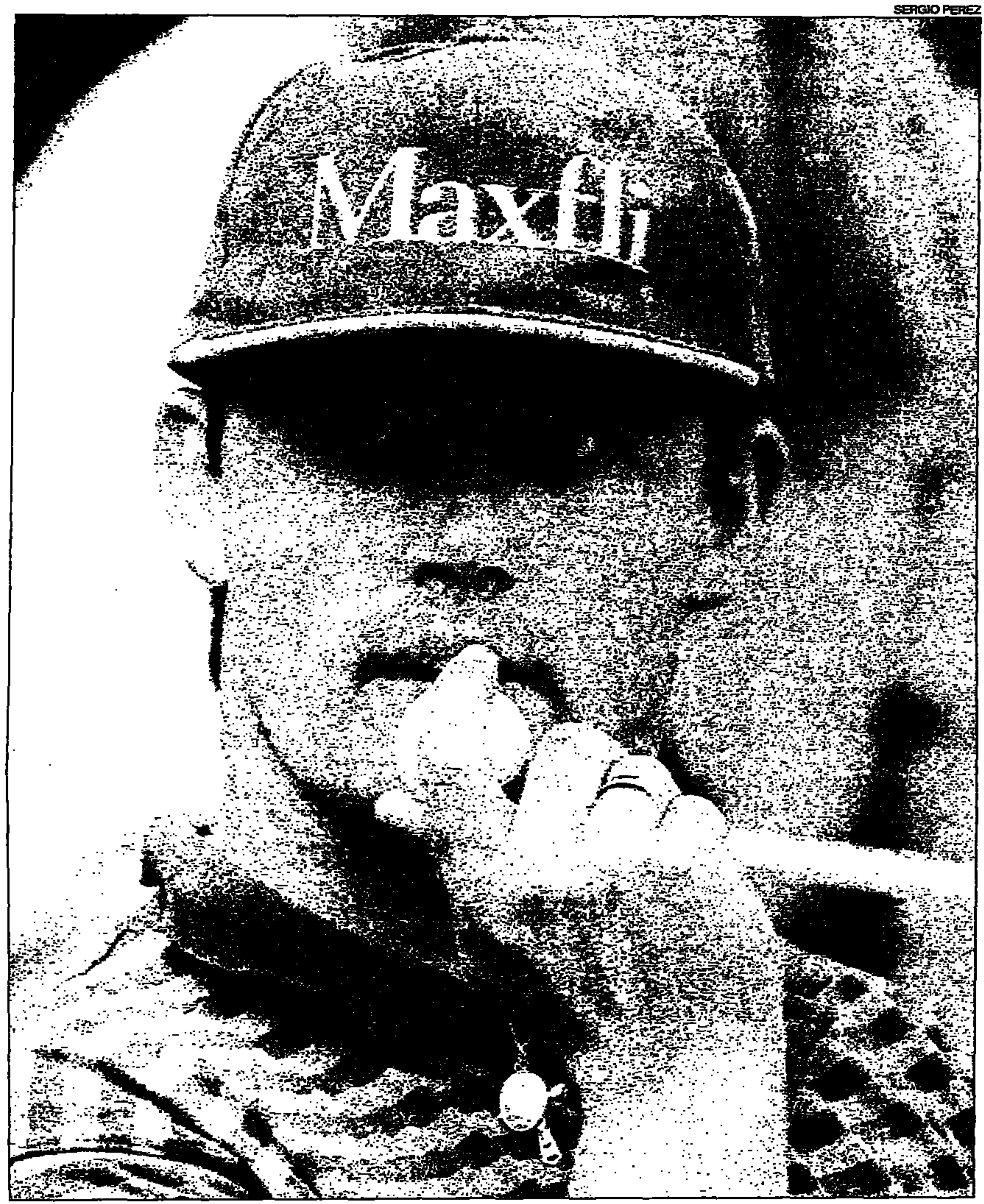
His lead was immediately extended to seven without him hitting a ball in the afternoon when *Linhart bogeyed the 2nd* only for Peter O'Malley to bring it back to six shortly afterwards with a birdie on *the 1st.*

John O'Reilly, Harrington's veteran caddie, bears more than a passing resemblance to *the elder Steptoe, but his* stewarding of his young master is not in the slightest degree funny. O'Reilly was at Harrington's side as he *slid* an eight-foot putt in for a birdie on the 1st hole, and when O'Malley dropped a shot on the 3rd, Harrington was eight shots ahead.

He had another birdie on the par-five 4th when he two-putted from 40 feet, and was hardly shaken out of his composure by a bogey on the 5th, the result of slicing into some trees, missing the green from there, chipping on and taking two putts from ten feet.

The bogey was a rare occurrence — *with nine holes to play* he had had only three of them in 63 holes as against 19 birdies. It would take a collapse of *monumental proportions* for him not to win by the largest margin of the European Tour season.

SERGIO PEREZ


Harrington stayed calm in sight of a notable first European Tour victory in the Spanish Open in Madrid

Davies battling against the elements

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

MARK FULCHER, caddying for Laura Davies in the rain-disrupted McDonald's LPGA Championship at the DuPont Country Club here, reckoned his boss would need a 68 in the third and final round *yesterday, to win the title.* David Davies, Laura's father, just laughed. "If you have a 68," he said, "you'll win by *miles.*"

The official par was 71 but a bitingly cold, blustery wind, allied to the squelchy *conditions underfoot,* made 75 a more realistic figure. Davies's 36-hole total of 143, one over par, had left her three strokes behind Kelly Robbins, the defending champion, who had a glorious birdie three at the last to complete her second round yesterday.

A thunderstorm had put an abrupt end to the proceedings on Saturday afternoon when Robbins still had ten holes to play. In a battle against the *elements, she came through* best of all, hitting a five-wood to 20 feet at the 18th and holing the putt. She was on 140, a shot ahead of Hiromi Kobayashi, of Japan.

Davies, who had to play two holes, the eighth and ninth, had a double bogey five at the former, a mini monster of 192 yards, where she hit a four-iron short, chipped to eight feet and then three-putted.

Worst of all was the demise of Catrin Nilsmark, the first round leader. The tall Swede, resumed yesterday at two under par *with 11 holes left* and shot 82, for a total of 149, to miss the cut by a shot. She started with five successive *bogeys, double bogeyed the* 13th, one of DuPont's monstrous par threes, added two more bogeys and, shellshocked, somehow parred the last three holes.

The new-look Nancy Lopez — two stone lost since January and working out every day — dropped five shots in the seven holes she had to play, including four-putting the 16th for a double bogey seven, to slip from leading at four under par to one over.

US Open champion Annika Sorenstam — "I don't know how many greens I hit but it wasn't many" — *survived by* chipping and putting beautifully, to be in the quartet on level par.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 140: K Robbins 69, 71. 141: H Kobayashi (Japan) 71, 70. 142: J Briles-Hinton 73, 69; A Sorenstam (Swe) 69, 73; K Parker-Gregory 72, 70; V Skinner 73, 69. 143: K Albers 72, 71; L Davies (GB) 72, 71; J Crafter (Aus) 75, 68; N Lopez 70, 73; S Furlong 70, 73; M Nause 71, 72; J Inkster 70, 73. 144: D Richard 74, 70; C Pierce (GB) 75, 69; L Grimes 74, 70; M B Zimmerman 74, 70; M McGeorge 74, 70; B Daniel 72, 72; J Piers 72, 72; A Benz 73, 71; E Dahllof (Swe) 72, 72; B King 72, 72; B Whitehead 72, 72; M Mallon 69, 75; T Hanson 71, 73; R Hood 71, 73; A Nicholas (GB) 68, 76

Other scores: 145: S Croce (It) 73, 72; L Neumann (Swe) 74, 71.

St Helens put on repeat performance

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BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ST HELENS matched their comeback in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final two weeks ago when they retrieved a 14-point deficit last night to deny an extraordinarily brave effort by London Broncos and retain their unbeaten record, four points clear of Wigan in the Stones Super League.

Whereas Bradford Bulls wilted under the high ball at Wembley, the Broncos buckled from a position 22-8 ahead under the pressure of St Helens' sheer persistence. Nevertheless, they had justified quibbles with the first of three St Helens tries in the last 23 minutes, scored by Simon Booth after what looked like a forward pass.

Scott Gibbs, not surprisingly, was barracked for the confirmation that rugby union is where he sees his future. Cardiff have talked with the former Wales centre and St Helens will accept the highest bid — Richmond and Newcastle are others in the hat — to buy Gibbs out of the two years remaining on his contract.

Perhaps the cat-calls had a wider effect, for something was certainly amiss with St Helens. They were guilty of *more mistakes in the first half,* when they trailed 18-8, than they had been in the entire season. Attempting to force *the pass against a heavy-*tackling London pack, the usual dangerous wide running of McVey and Perelini was unsuccessful. In defence, they were also uncomfortable.

Paul Newlove was at fault in London's opening try. The world's most expensive player missed the ankles of Barwick, who raced on to McCrae's neat pass before adding the first of several touchline conversions. Although Newlove quickly made amends — from 40 metres out, he beat Tollett, left Langer groping and then stepped back inside Barwick to score — St Helens seemed unable to impose themselves and, instead, London tight*ened their stranglehold.* McCrae's inventive kick bounced high and kinder for Roskell than Prescott, who paid for his hesitation in failing to get across to snuff out the danger.

When Gill high-tackled Hammond, Goulding gratefully collected two points with a goal, but, on the stroke of half-time, Bawden rampaged up the middle, Barwick's accurate grubber kick caused havoc and Minto got finger-tip pressure to the bobbling ball over the line. The video official was summoned, but the try was never in doubt.

Searching for the breakthrough, St Helens persisted with brute force — not that London were about to buckle, yet anyway. Barwick, lethal as a kicker in open play, also again demonstrated his nimbleness in restricted space, out-witting the St Helens cover after McRae had cleverly kept possession alive and worked the ball out wide.

St Helens' failure to get the ball out to their wings quickly enough stymied them for long periods. Goulding's kicking did not produce its normal trouble and although one cross-field effort reached Arnold, the wing was wrapped up by the London defence.

Finally, in the 58th minute, the fightback began. Goulding, under pressure from Roskell, flicked a pass out to Booth, who crashed in under the posts. While the pass was forward and London were justified in their grievance about it, the score had a galvanising effect on St Helens. Under desperate pressure, London succumbed to Gibbs, who provided an emphatic answer to his grandstand critics. Goulding missed the conversion, but put St Helens ahead for the first time ten minutes from the end when Matautia fed Martyn for a try that brought the house down.

In a nervous finale, Gibbs shouldered Paul into touch and was helped from the field for his pains, this time to *resounding cheers.*

SCORERS: St Helens: Tries: Newlove, Booth, Gibbs, Martyn. Goals: Goulding (4). London broncos: Tries: Barwick (2), Roskell, Minto. Goals: Barwick (3).

ST HELENS: S Prescott, D Arnold, S Gibbs, *P Newlove, A Sullivan; K Hammond, R* Goulding, A Perelini, K Cunningham, A Leathem, D McVey, S Booth, C Joynt. Substitutes: A Hunte, T Martyn, V Matautia, I Pickavance.

LONDON BRONCOS: G Barwick; J Minto, *S Roskell, T Tollett, J Paul; D McRae, K* Langer; T Mestrov, T Rea, D Shaw, S Rosolen, J Bryant, P Gill. Substitutes: R Bawden, L Dynevor, D Pitt, M Brown.

Referee: S Presley.

Iestyn Harris, their stand-off *half, guided Warrington to a* 36-26 victory over Sheffield Eagles yesterday, scoring two tries and eight goals; he off *amassed 24 points in all.* Great Britain will play three internationals against New Zealand and visit Papua New *Guinea and Fiji in October,* under a revised tour itinerary that is expected to be announced today.

Confident Doherty takes control

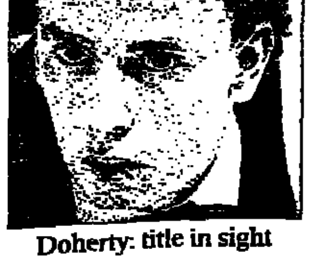
BY PHIL YATES

KEN DOHERTY, flush with confidence after recording one of the outstanding results of the snooker *season,* established a 6-2 lead over Steve Davis after the first session of the final of the Dr Martens European League at Irthlingborough yesterday.

Doherty, who trounced Stephen Hendry, the world champion, 6-0 in the semi-finals on Saturday, moved within four frames of collect*ing the* £50,000 winner's cheque as Davis struggled to find his touch from the start yesterday.

Not *surprisingly,* Doherty found it impossible to reproduce the exceptional standard of snooker which had enabled *him to inflict* the first whitewash on Hendry since he was defeated 5-0 by Joe Swail in the qualifying competition of the 1992 Asian Open.

On the way to completing victory in just 72 minutes, Doherty fluently compiled breaks of 102, 76, 94, 83, 40 and 72 as he fully exploited a series of mistakes from Hendry, who looked understandably jaded after the long haul to winning *his sixth* world championship at the Crucible in Sheffield seven days ago.


Doherty: title in sight

Doherty, also successful against Hendry in the semi-finals of the German Open and Thailand Open, and in the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters, is now undefeated in five successive meetings with the world No 1 since December.

The early exchanges against Davis, who beat Peter Ebdon *6-2 in the other semi-final,* were predominantly scrappy. Doherty won a low scoring second frame with a brown-to-*pink clearance and led 3-1* before the quality of play improved significantly in the second half of the session.

Doherty put together runs of 64 and 74 to increase his advantage but the biggest blow for Davis, attempting to *win the 71st tournament of his* 18-year professional career and claim his first title since the Regal Welsh Open of January 1995, was the loss of the seventh frame.

Davis led 45-0 but missed a straightforward red. Doherty responded with 42 and, after a short safety duel, Davis misjudged a swerved escape from a snooker, leaving the last red over a baulk pocket for Doherty to pounce.

Doherty decisively cleared *to the blue before adding the* closing frame of the afternoon. That left him requiring only four of the remaining 11 *frames to lift his first trophy* since the 1994 Regal Scottish Masters.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: K Doherty (Ire) bt S *Hendry (Scot) 6-0; S Davis (Eng) bt P* Ebdon (Eng) 6-2. *Final,* Doherty leads Davis 6-2

Claymores outgun Galaxy

FROM RICHARD WETHERELL IN FRANKFURT

MURRAYFIELD will host the World Bowl on June 23 after Scottish Claymores dominated the previously unbeaten Frankfurt Galaxy on Saturday. The 20-0 victory in Germany, based on a superbly-directed defence, the running of Siran Stacy and the catching of Sean LaChapelle, means both sides end the first half of the World League of American Football season with four wins and one defeat.

If teams are level, the tie-*breaker is the result in the* game between them, so the Claymores can start planning ahead while the defending *champions lost out on two* counts.

"We played as an entire team throughout the game," Jim Criner, the Claymores' head coach, said. Referring to *last year, when he won just* two games after taking over in the week before the first game, he added: "How sweet it is to go from the outhouse to the penthouse."

The Claymores defence baffled the Galaxy offence so comprehensively that the league's most prolific team never looked capable of scoring. Their quarterbacks threw five interceptions, two of which were collected by James Fuller.

As ever, the visitors attack was based almost solely on Stacy, the running back, and LaChapelle, the wide receiver. *With 133 yards the former is* now the all-time World League leading rusher.

Paul McCallum's two field *goals in the first and third* quarters were a poor reward *for their efforts, but* LaChapelle's 21-yard touchdown reception in the final quarter put the Claymores 13-0 ahead, and *the* game was settled soon after when the Galaxy's next play produced the second of Fullers' interceptions. After a typical drive revolving around Stacy, Thomas took over to score from three yards.

Having the honour of hosting the final appeared well beyond the Claymores when they trailed the London Monarchs 21-7 in the opening game. They eventually won 24-21 in overtime and the *Monarchs' 28-9 away defeat* against Amsterdam Admirals means an England v Scotland final is highly improbable. Their *record is now one* victory and four defeats.

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Tomorrow: the winner and the final scores

Crystal Palace revival under Bassett continues as they win first leg of play-off semi-final

T-shirt prediction has ring of truth

Charlton Athletic 1
Crystal Palace 2

By Russell Kempson

WHETHER it was mischievous intent or misplaced arrogance, several Crystal Palace players wore T-shirts, bearing the logo "Premier League 1996", when they turned up at The Valley yesterday. For 45 minutes of the first leg of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-off, it seemed that the jolly jape had backfired; 45 minutes later, having turned around a 1-0 deficit, their confidence of a quick return to the FA Carling Premiership appeared entirely justified.

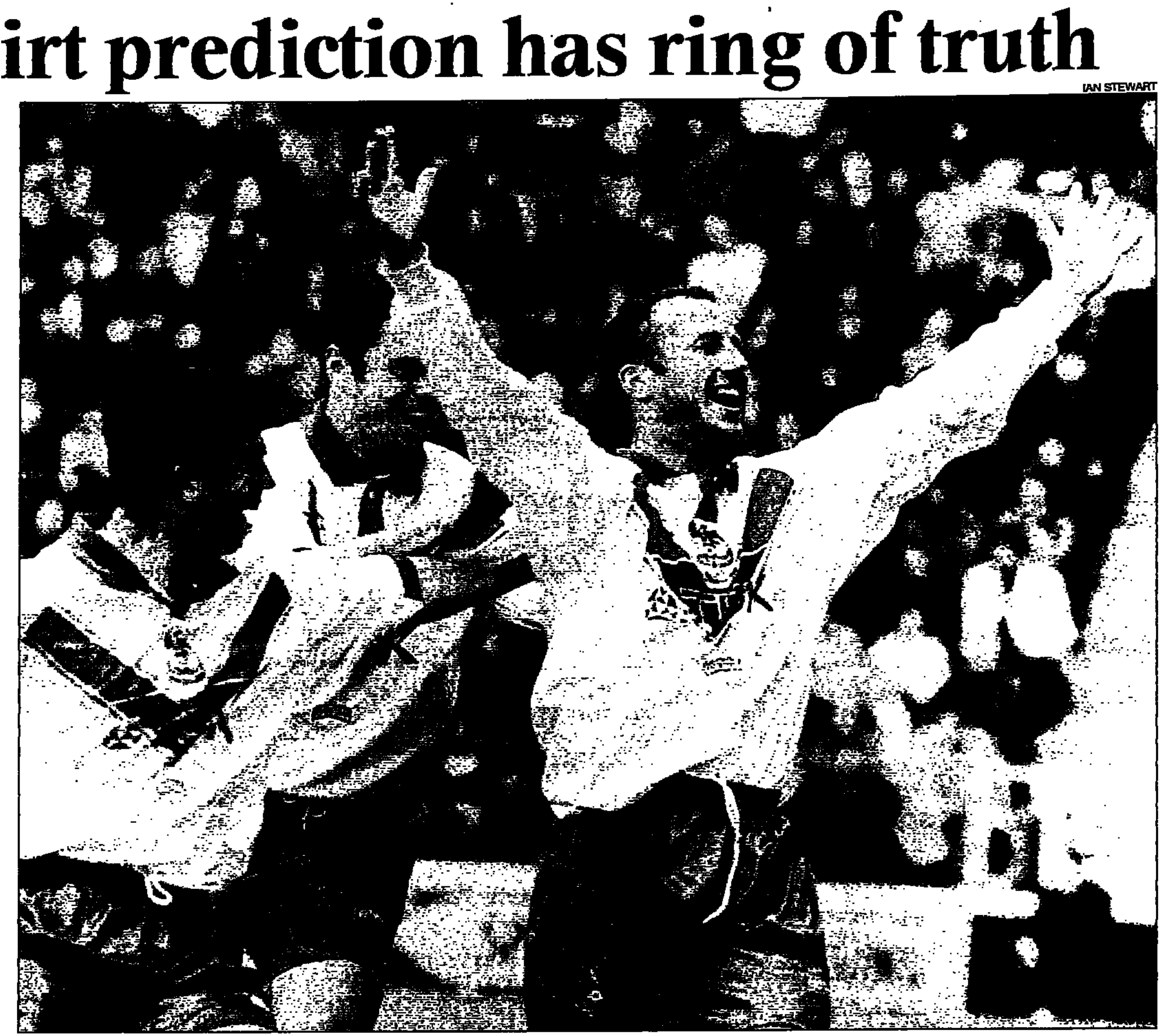
Though there is still a second leg of the semi-final to be played, and a subsequent decider against Leicester City or Stoke City at Wembley, Palace are on course to regain their place among the elite. They have lost only four times in 21 matches since the arrival of Dave Bassett as manager and, on such a roll, will take some stopping.

Palace needed a half-time pep-talk from Bassett yesterday before finding their true form. "In the first half, we played as individuals and not as a team," he said. "I suggested to the lads that perhaps they could play the way we had asked them to and, fortunately, they responded."

Unlike some of his players, Bassett, who is homing in on his seventh promotion, declined to make any presumptious statements. "We will not be complacent," he said. "There is no way we are going home crowing."

Palace had ended the regulation season on a high note, rising from sixteenth place to third under Bassett's tuition. Charlton, with only one victory from their closing nine matches, nervously clung to sixth position, courtesy of Ipswich Town's failure to beat Millwall on the final day.

Perhaps the Charlton players had already seen, or been told, of the provocative Palace printing, such was the ferocity of their opening bombardment and they took only 55 seconds to pummel their way through the Palace defence.



IAN STEWART

Brown acknowledges his own delight and that of the Palace supporters after volleying the equaliser against Charlton at The Valley

Jackson's cross from the right caught Andersen in at least three minds. Ultimately, he exercised a wrong option, rocketing a diving header at Martyn, his own goalkeeper. Though Martyn did well to block the unexpected goal attempt, he was unable to prevent Newton from neatly tucking in the rebound.

The goal signalled a frenzied, often ugly, spell of south-east London rivalry and there were a series of niggly fouls. Only after John Kirkby, the referee, had booked Newton, for a foul on Tuttle, did things calm down. Palace recovered, slowly, with Houghton in businesslike mode in midfield. All too frequently, though, imaginative approach work foundered against Rufus and Balmer, the Charlton centre backs, and only a spectacular save from Martyn prevented Newton from adding a second goal.

Rash challenges littered the second half, too. Cool heads were called for, but few were evident, the occasion getting the better, or worse, of many as Andersen and Leaburn joined Newton in Kirkby's notebook.

From amid the bitterness, Palace emerged the stronger. Charlton appeared content to preserve what they had and, predictably, the pressure mounted, culminating in two Palace goals in the space of six minutes. Brown volleyed in the first, in the 65th minute, after Freedman's shot had been blocked by Petterson.

Another Freedman effort was smothered by Petterson, but, from the resultant corner, Palace went ahead. Ndah's acrobatic overhead kick dropped fortuitously into the six-yard area and Veart reacted quickly, stooping to glance it past Petterson for his first goal for the club.

Only then did Charlton venture forward with any real passion, but it was too little, too late. Perhaps regulars at The Valley can print their T-shirts already: "Football League first division, 1996".

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2): A Petterson — M Jackson, R Rufus, S Balmer, C Whyte — M Robson (sub: D Whyte, 72min), L Bowyer, J Robinson, S Newton — C Leaburn, B Allen (sub: G Nelson, 61)
CRYSTAL PALACE (5-2-3): N Martyn — M Edworthy, A Roberts, D Tuttle, L E Andersen (sub: R Quinn, 85), K Brown — R Houghton, D Pitcher — C Veart, D Freedman, G Ndah
Referee: J Kirkby.

Woeful Leicester allow Stoke to seize initiative

Leicester City 0
Stoke City 0

By Peter Ball

STOKE CITY got what they deserved in the Filbert Street sunshine yesterday. A goalless draw in a desperately poor game tilts the advantage their way for the second leg of their Endsleigh Insurance League first division play-off semi-final at the Victoria Ground on Wednesday evening.

"When you are away in the first game, you don't want to lose, and we have achieved that," Lou Macari, the Stoke manager, said, "but we might have done better, we had two good chances in the first ten minutes and missed both of them, but that has gone now. We start level on Wednesday, it will be another cup-tie now, and there is no guarantee that we will play as well then."

Leicester have half a Premiership ground with two imposing stands, and two that would not be out of place at Mansfield or Hereford. Yesterday, Filbert Street was full, and it felt like the home of a big club, but, on this performance, it is questionable whether they have even half a Premiership team.

Although Stoke now have home advantage, the game is far from over. Leicester have a good away record and it is difficult to believe that they can play as badly again.

"I've videoed this, but you wouldn't want to watch it again, would you?" a despairing supporter remarked with ten minutes to go. Only a masochist would have answered "Yes".

The appalling pitch did nothing for Leicester's passing game, but play-off nerves did even more damage. Until the arrival of Parker, the general of the side until Mark McGhee's departure, in the 57th minute, Leicester had made but one telling pass.

The fear of making mistakes and Stoke's constant physical challenge led to negative pass after negative pass, followed by the ball being banged aimlessly down field. No wonder that Justin Whittle, the Stoke central defender, got the man-of-the-match award; Leicester's attacks made it easy for him and Sigurdsson to keep them at bay.

Leicester might have been out of the game in the first five minutes. First, Claridge, under pressure, tried to pass back to Poole; Sturridge intercepted and had a free run on goal, but Poole blocked his shot with his legs. A minute later, Stoke had an even better chance as Potter met Devlin's cross about five yards out. Somehow, Poole, coming back from the near post, got his body in the way of the header.

"The first save was brilliant, but the second one was fantastic; I don't know how he kept it out, but it kept us in the game," Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, said.

Macari: satisfied

Sadly, instead of that being the start of a thrilling game, it was to prove the highlight. The remaining 85 minutes dragged on interminably and, although Stoke looked the sharper side, they never created anything so promising again, although Gleghorn and Devlin both had reasonable claims for penalties ignored by the referee.

LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): K Poole — S Grayson, J Watts, S Walsh, M Whitlow — M Izzett, S Taylor, N Lennon, E Heskey — S Claridge, M Robins (sub: G Parker, 56).
STOKE CITY (4-4-2): M Prudhoe — I Clarkson, L Sigurdsson, J Whittle, L Sandford — M Devlin, R Wallace, N Gleghorn, G Potter — S Sturridge, M Sheron
Referee: W Burns

Play-off expert Warnock may still have last word

Colchester United 1
Plymouth Argyle 0

By Alyson Rudd

COLCHESTER United, for all their heroics and deserved victory at Layer Road in the third division play-off semi-final yesterday, remain the underdogs. Neil Warnock, the Plymouth Argyle manager, is king in the land of the play-off and Plymouth can be expected to lift their game and their morale for the second leg on Wednesday.

Play-off semi-finals are an indignity or a glorious boon — it all depends on how a team reached them. Plymouth were on course, and fully expected, to gain automatic promotion to the second division this season. They missed out by just one point and probably cannot comprehend that their season is still grinding along.

Colchester have squandered early promise in their past four seasons since regaining their place back in the League, and could hardly believe their luck as results around the country went in their favour on the final day of the season and they squeezed into the play-offs.

Not surprisingly, then, it was Colchester who zoomed around the pitch with zest and optimism. Plymouth looked impatient and irritable — at one point, Heathcote and Leadbitter began pushing at each other with a marked lack of camaraderie.

Warnock claimed that the scuffle between his players was timely. "I was very pleased, to be honest," he said. "I was thanking Leadbitter at half-time for getting him [Heathcote] going."

Colchester had plenty of the Three Musketeers spirit and, after a dire opening 15 minutes, slowly took charge. Cawley headed wide, Cherry had to back peddle and spring skywards to tip over a dangerous curling cross from Kinsella, and then McGleish attempted a spectacular overhead kick that he flicked wide of the upright.

Undeterred, Colchester pressed harder. McGleish had another two excellent opportunities and then, seconds before half-time, Kinsella, a product of the club's youth scheme, took the one-for-all attitude. He neatly side-stepped the challenge of Barlow and, from 25 yards fired, an exquisitely placed shot past Cherry. The timing of the goal simply meant that Plymouth had the interval in which to lose any sense of being rudely awakened. Colchester took charge once again and, in the 62nd minute, Reinelt's blistering strike bounced off an upright.

At last, Warnock's side took the bait. Leadbitter's free kick curled to the far post and, had Heathcote reached it with a firmer touch, it would have led to a certain goal. Billy, too, looked destined to equalise when left with a clear run to goal and only Emberson to beat. Billy lifted the ball over the goalkeeper and wide of the post.

Do not read too much into this result, however. Warnock has won three play-off finals — twice with Notts County and once with Huddersfield Town. With home advantage in the second leg, Wembley can only beckon.

COLCHESTER (4-4-2): C Emberson — T McCarthy, P Cawley, G Caesar, S Betts — C Fry, T Dennis, M Kinsella, P Gibbs (sub. A Locke, 76min) — S McGleish, R Reinelt.
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3-5-2): S Cherry — R Logan, M Heathcote, C Curran — M Patterson, M Barlow (R Mauge, 65), C Leadbitter, C Billy P Williams — A Littlejohn, M Evans (C Corazzin, 87).
Referee: M Pierce.

Blackpool take step in right direction

By Our Sports Staff

IT ALL went sadly wrong for Blackpool. With just weeks to go to the end of the season, promotion from the Endsleigh Insurance League second division was within their grasp — yet they threw it away and Oxford United stole into the first division in their stead. A tawdry finish to a frustrating afternoon against Swindon Town at Bloomfield Road, bringing bad publicity aplenty, hardly helped matters.

Yesterday, however, Blackpool set about putting things right. Condemned to scrapping for the spare promotion place via the dreaded play-offs, they began promisingly, beating Bradford City 2-0 at Valley Parade. They broke the deadlock after 71 minutes, when Tony Ellis scored with a superb left-foot shot, and sealed the win through Mark Bonner's header seven minutes later.

There was also an away win, 2-1, for Darlington in their third division play-off with Hereford United, but they had to bounce back from the shock of Smith putting Hereford ahead after two minutes. Darlington drew level in the 27th minute with a header from Gregan and Blake scored the winner ten minutes later.

John Gorman, the Scottish-born former Swindon Town manager, has agreed to become Glenn Hoddle's assistant in the England set-up next season. Gorman's appointment has yet to be confirmed by the Football Association, but it is understood the present Bristol City assistant manager has accepted the chance to renew his partnership with Hoddle, established when Hoddle was the manager at Swindon.

A dramatic 82nd-minute goal from Stephen Geoghegan, the striker, earned Shelbourne a 2-1 win over St Patrick's Athletic, their Dublin rivals, in the Football Association of Ireland Cup final replay at Dalymount Park yesterday. St Patrick's had gone ahead in the 59th minute through Campbell's header, but Shelbourne equalised after 72 minutes through Sheridan.

Seasonal hoodoo returns to haunt profligate Crewe

Crewe Alexandra 2
Notts County 2

By David Maddock

THERE would appear to be something of an aversion to the play-off system at Gresty Road. Three times in the past five years, Crewe Alexandra have drawn a losing ticket in that particular lottery, and it seems that a fourth disappointment is on the way.

They contrived to throw away a winning position against Notts County by conceding two goals through poor defending, the second deep into stoppage time at the end of the match. Such generosity suggests that County will hold the upper hand when the sides meet again on Wednesday for the return leg of this Endsleigh Insurance League second division play-off semi-final.

County emerged as favourites to reach Wembley thanks to an equalising goal in the second minute of stoppage time from Gary Martindale, the substitute. Crewe's vacant defence stood idly as Battersby exploited a vast amount of space in the box and crossed for Martindale to head into the net from close range. Such defending has seen Crewe lose ten out of 14 games during the run-in, and frequently sent Dario Gradi, the manager, into an apoplectic state.

He did not disappoint after this game. "We were awful, we just didn't play at all, and I haven't got a clue how we will play in the return leg," he said. "I'm sure we'll run about, but whether we play with any brains is another matter — we certainly didn't today."

They did manage a coherent enough display in the first half to take a two-goal lead, thanks largely to the influence of Danny Murphy in midfield. His absence, through injury, for the final 15 minutes allowed County back into the game.

Crewe had taken the lead in the third minute when a corner by Rivers was allowed to reach Colin Little, who was unmarked, and he scored with an emphatic header.

They went further ahead when Steve Macauley, a makeshift centre forward, delivered a wonderful through ball for Rivers to chase. Ward, the County goalkeeper, was first to the ball, but he contrived to blast his clearance against the legs of Rivers, and the ball rolled cruelly into the net.

Murphy hit a post, Rivers hit the goalkeeper from close range and Macauley missed a rather simple header as Crewe were presented with chances to put the tie beyond reasonable doubt. Such profligacy gave County encouragement, and they clawed their way back into the match after 53 minutes. Again it was a poor goal to concede, Unsworth, the Crewe full back, gave the ball to Steve Finnan, who promptly found the corner of the net.

Colin Murphy, the Notts County general manager, believes that his side are now in a strong position. "We had a monstrous start, but we played very well in the second half and we have the importance now of the two away goals," he said.

CREWE ALEXANDRA (4-3-3): M Gayle — A Westwood, C Lightfoot, B McAllister, L Unsworth — R Savage, D Murphy (G Blissett 75), G Whalley (sub: W Collins, 69min) — C Little, S Macauley, M Rivers (sub: F Tierney, 69)
NOTTS COUNTY (4-4-2): D Ward — S Derry, S Murphy, G Strodder, I Baraclough — S Finnan, P Rogers, I Richardson, A Agana — T Battersby, G Jones (G Martindale
Referee: D Allison

Croydon one victory away from double

CROYDON go into the final match of the Women's Premier National League season, against Arsenal tomorrow, needing victory to complete a league and cup double (Sarah Forde writes).

They picked up four points from their two matches at the weekend, with three coming from the clash with Doncaster Belles, their rivals for the title, on Saturday.

The Belles, for whom a draw would have secured the title, scored first through Karen Walker, but Croydon equalised before half-time thanks to Hope Powell, and their second-half dominance was rewarded with further goals from Powell and Donna Smith.

Yesterday, Croydon drew 1-1 with Liverpool, whom they beat in the UK Living Women's FA Cup final.

Stead plays by the book

Brigg Town 3
Clitheroe 0

By Walter Gammie

FOR the second day running, a Wembley final was illuminated by a textbook goal. Carl Stead's strike might not win lasting acclaim beyond north Lincolnshire, but the goal that set Brigg Town on the way to winning the FA Carlsberg Vase yesterday could not have been dispatched better by Eric Cantona himself.

Taking a half-cleared cross by Simon Roach on his chest, Stead struck the ball perfectly on the bounce with his left foot to beat Carlo Nash, the Clitheroe goalkeeper, from 20 yards. The goal, in the 37th minute, swung an evenly-matched contest the way of the Northern Counties East League side.

Stead, with equal aplomb, tucked away a penalty in the 65th minute, and an own goal four minutes from the end wrapped up a convincing triumph.

Stead's unrelated namesake, Nathan, a marauding presence complete with flapping mane of blond hair, was a powerhouse throughout. It was his forceful run into the penalty area and fierce shot that Stephen Lodge, the referee, adjudged Neil Baron to have handled for Carl Stead's penalty.

Nathan Stead then helped to make Brigg's superiority complete when he picked out Roach running into the area. The winger twisted, turned and finally put in a shot that was sliced high into his own net by Lampkin, the Clitheroe full back.

Clitheroe, of the North West Counties League, had sparkled at the start, but, after Mark Greaves saw off an early scare, clearing when an open goal seemingly beckoned after Rouine's overlap, the Brigg defence was unyielding. The loss of Buckley, their central defender, after 19 minutes, was barely felt as Mail, the former Blackburn Rovers player, shut the door on Clitheroe's best efforts.

The traditional Wembley scenes of elation were a superb way for Ralph Clayton to celebrate an enduring relationship with Brigg. Clayton, 53, whose playing aspirations had been wrecked by a knee injury as a teenager with Scunthorpe United, managed them from the age of 21 for a decade before returning eight years ago and masterminding their finest hour.

BRIGG TOWN (4-4-2): R Gawthorpe — G Thompson, M Greaves (sub: S Clay, 84min), N Buckley (sub: D Mail, 19), S Rogers — M Elston, D McLean, C Stead, N Stead (sub: G McNally, 89) — S Roach, A Flounders.
CLITHEROE (4-4-2): C Nash — N Rowbotham (sub. N Otley, 74), N Baron, S Westwell, S Lampkin — C Grimshaw, A Rouine, G Butcher, D Hill (sub: C Dunn, 60) — A Darbyshire, A Taylor (sub: G Smith, 74)
Referee: S Lodge

Dailly goal may prove invaluable

Partick Thistle 1
Dundee United 1

By Kevin McCarra

THE pair of Dundee United supporters who arrived stripped to the waist with their torsos dyed orange were presumably immune to the cold, but they may still have felt a chill creeping over them. Only five minutes from the end of the first leg of this play-off did their expensive team scramble a draw through Christian Dailly's goal.

On Thursday, at Tannadice, though, United, at present of the Bell's Scottish League first division, will expect to swap places with Thistle, of the premier division. The significance of the game was enough to make an impartial onlooker wince. Thistle are an impoverished club and there are players in the team, approaching the end of their contracts, who know that they may lose their full-time livelihoods if relegation is not avoided.

United have more funds, but a further season in the first division would bring anguish to them as well. The firm of accountants who chose to sponsor the game had, given the financial issues, picked an apt fixture. A club that loses its top flight status forgoes around £1 million a year.

As if there were not enough to fear, this encounter also contained an element of chance. The startlingly bad surface at Firhill — churned and pitted — will make the most skilful player look inept at times. Local knowledge does not even seem to be of benefit, for Thistle last won there on December 2.

When they took the lead yesterday, the goal came, predictably enough, when the ball was at last forced to sit still. The free kick, after 19 minutes, was awarded after Pressley had clambered on top of Rod McDonald. From 25 yards, Lyons curled a fierce shot round the wall and into the corner of the net.

It was his sixth goal in ten appearances since signing from Wigan Athletic's reserves for £30,000. Murdo MacLeod, the Thistle manager, was acquainted with him principally because they had met on a golf outing before a match. The Firhill club is used to surviving on astuteness and a little serendipity.

"Thistle are rising again," says the slogan on the back of the jackets worn by supporters. This is rather overstating the case, since the team has, so far successfully, been scrambling to avoid relegation ever since 1992, when they were promoted.

United have costlier and supposedly better players, but the Thistle were more spirited and adroit in the first half. Gradually, however, Billy Kirkwood's side did establish supremacy, only getting the better of Walker, the goalkeeper, threatened to prove impossible.

Most of United's frustration gathered inside Brewster. After 58 minutes, he lobbed the ball over Slavin and volleyed towards the goal, only to see his shot parried behind. Walker also diverted the forward's header for a corner 15 minutes from the end.

In the 64th minute, Brewster even watched a shot come off the underside of the bar to bounce into the goalkeeper's arms. Walker's influence and good fortune finally expired when Dailly headed home Bowman's deep cross.

PARTICK THISTLE (4-4-2): N Walker — C Milne, J Slavin, S Welsh, Watson — D McWilliams (sub: T Smith, 66min), W McDonald (sub: T Turner, 83), I Cameron, A Lyons — R McDonald, J McCue
DUNDEE UNITED (4-4-2): A Maxwell — R Shannon, S Pressley, B Welsh, J McQuilken — R McKinnon (sub. G McSwegan, 48), D Bowman, C Dailly, A McLaren (sub: O Coyle, 80) — R Winters, C Brewster.
J McCluskey, Stewarton
Referee: J McCluskey

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Ferguson's kids keep faith with Busby's rich legacy

Ferguson: exceptional by any standard

David Miller contends it is too soon to promote the United manager's record above that of a famous forerunner

Extolling the virtues of Alex Ferguson's young, remodelled team in achieving a *second double* in three years, a BBC Radio commentator excitedly made the comparison that "the Busby Babes never even did it once". True enough, but *we should pause before* declaring that Ferguson's status equals, or exceeds, that of Sir Matt Busby.

Ferguson is an exceptional manager by any standard, and not merely in the matter of winning trophies. He has, like Busby, an uncanny knack of helping players to *lift themselves*, to perform up to or beyond their capacities. Yet what separated the two teams, so surprisingly, on a prosaic afternoon at Wembley was that Manchester United, more than Liverpool, delivered a collective, patient team performance; especially the youngsters.

Ferguson has maintained Busby's principle, that the first duty is to put the club's money out on the field for the benefit of the spectators. He is also able, perhaps more than Busby, to make tactical calculations.

Twice in the league this season, Liverpool had out-manoeuvred United. Never mind that this was the FA Cup Final — the most conspicuous day on the calendar watched world*wide — Ferguson intended to ensure* that the same did not happen again. McManaman had to be stifled. Keane, with perhaps his best display of the season, and ably supported by Beckham, Neville and Irwin, shadowed McManaman heartlessly. United displayed a patience that was typical of . . . Liverpool.

To have won the double with this team is indeed a tribute to the manager in what might have been an interim season. Like Busby, Ferguson promoted the youngsters. Butt, Beckham, Scholes and the Nevilles, and they confirmed the old adage that, if you're good enough, you're old enough.

It was *last* year when United should have repeated the double, and it was undoubtedly Cantona's extraordinary folly at Crystal Palace *that primarily prevented their from* doing so, just as he has now assuredly been, once more, the fulcrum of another twin triumph.

To say, however, that the victory on Saturday surpasses the era of Busby's famous side is a shade unfair. When, in 1957, United went to Wembley seemingly needing only to stand up to defeat Aston Villa, they were denied by a grotesque foul. When McParland, Villa's Northern Ireland winger, broke the cheekbone of Wood, United's goalkeeper, with a head-on charge in the early minutes, there were then no substitutes. Jackie Blanchflower had to be withdrawn into goal, disrupting the whole team. The next February, five of the "Babes", and eight players in all, perished at Munich.

It is significant that, of the five post-war managers with sustained success in England — Busby, Shankly, Nicholson, Paisley and Ferguson — three have been Scots. It has something to do with a blend of discipline and passion, and the communication of these qualities to the players, both young and old. Bryan Robson, who never played under Busby, tells how the old man always advised him that "you should play for fun, otherwise *there's no point*".

The communication between Ferguson and his men is all too evident, both when they regained the league title against Middlesbrough and now again at Wembley. The warmth of the embraces was sincere, not histrionic; a bond that was apparent when I first interviewed Ferguson, many years ago at Aberdeen.

The warmth, the benevolence, in Busby's eyes was always visible, in victory and defeat. Ferguson's eyes are unusual. They can be cold and harsh when he is angry, but a smile *returns to the eyes whenever he* talks about what his players give to the club, to the game, to him.

His players have now reached the heights because they ended the season with a remarkable spell of sustained resolve. Giggs, whose talents are so often equivocal, and Beckham gave the kind of deter*mined* display that Ian Callaghan and others long ago made the hallmark of Liverpool.

Where Ferguson has been fortu*nate is to have escaped from the* worst error of his career. Poor Cole. Devoid of touch and understanding in team work, consistently squandering possession during United's early dominance on Saturday, he *must be replaced if the team is to* make its mark in the European Cup Champions' League — the arena in which Ferguson has to emulate Busby. What about Yeboah, I wonder?

In Busby's four famous teams — 1948, 1957-58, 1963, 1966-68 — he made no bad buy. Rowley, Delaney, Gregg, Berry, Taylor, Cantwell, Crerand, Setters, Herd, *Law and* Stepney all delivered. Only Quixall, in the 1963 Cup side, was no more than a moderate success.

Ferguson is entitled to celebrate: three championships, three FA Cups, runner-up once in both and European Cup Winners' Cup in the past six years of a ten-year reign. Before that, with Aberdeen, he collected three Scottish championships, three Scottish Cups and a Cup Winners' Cup.

Busby, *by comparison* over 20 years, won five championships (runner-up seven times), two FA Cups (runner-up twice), and the European Cup. We should not seek to rate one above the other, merely be grateful that each has been dedicated to promoting the game as much as glorifying the club.

Moment of genius decides moribund final

Cantona confirms his place among the greats

Liverpool	0
Manchester United	1

By Rob Hughes
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IN SPORT, as sometimes in life, an hour of boredom can be transcended by a moment so sweet, so unexpected, that it seemed to be preordained. Such a moment came at almost the end of a moribund FA Cup Final at Wembley on Saturday when Eric Cantona, of course, scored the only goal.

It gave Manchester United their achievement of the double-double, the first team in history to twice win the League and the FA Cup in the same season. Given that the team builder is Alex Ferguson, one *is* bound to toast this double in scotch; but it is laced with that gallic spice without which neither double would have been won.

"His first touch, his composure, his accuracy . . . it had everything." So said Ferguson of Cantona's execution in that fateful 85th minute. I am sure that you have it in your mind's eye right now for, provided that you stayed awake for the moment, it was exceptional indeed.

The portents to the goal, however, were strange to say the least. David James, the *Liverpool* goalkeeper, who had caught almost everything else delivered into his goalmouth and had made stupendous reflex saves from Beckham and Cantona, tried to reach a corner from Beckham through a crowd of bodies. This time, he could only fist the ball, and who *should* it then take a deflection off but Ian Rush.

Rush, brought on as a substitute for the 670th and *final appearance* of an exalted Liverpool career, could not get out of the way and, after hitting his shoulder, the ball dropped to the only man who could have scored such a difficult goal.

The ball, in fact, landed too close to Cantona. Neither you nor I could then have shown such control of mind over body to move ourselves backwards just 18 inches, and then to strike the ball with the right foot with such venom and such precision that, at very least, it was on target for the back of the net.

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Sublime skill, but again and again one tries to fathom the magnetic quality that puts Cantona in such a position that he, and possibly he alone, can turn a match, particularly one in which he had been peripheral.

Certainly *his* contribution over the 90 minutes was little compared to the breathtaking physical feat of Roy Keane who, temper controlled for most of the match, helped to shape the boredom by sacrificing his surging spirit in a role in front of United's back four, snuffing out not only the athleticism of McManaman, but also stifling, at source, the rather tepid midfield leadership of the white-booted John Barnes.

Still, there were elements to Cantona's goal that defy belief. One was that James, having collided with Wright, his own defender, was still grounded. Others were that no less than four Liverpool defenders stood static, as if mesmerised, as the ball travelled between them.

Afterwards, before the lid was lifted on United celebrations, Peter Schmeichel, the goalkeeper who *himself* had made saves through the season that had kept United in games that Cantona then won, was asked whether he had ever known such an influential individual as the Frenchman?

"Beckenbauer, Cruyff, Maradona, Pele," the Dane responded. He paused and pondered, then added: "But you put Eric in that company. He's got a fantastic eye for the game, he sees things other players never see. He's brought up not in the English tradition of a striker, and that makes it difficult to defend against him."

Thank heavens for the moment. Earlier, Andy Cole, so fast at getting into scoring position, so abject and so frightened of opportunity, had looked the great contradiction to Ferguson's lauded judgment of purchasing. Had Cole remotely been the predator that he is paid to be, this final could have been over within the first 15 minutes when, alas, Liverpool were a *betrayal* of their true form.

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, could not defend the performance. He tacitly admitted what was wrong when he said: "United have been in gear the whole time, we came to Wembley having had a couple of games of, shall we say, indifferent performance. There's no doubt about it, we need to improve. OK, we've got some good young stuff along with old players, but we need a more professional attitude."

The truth, as ever, from Evans, but *he* now *has* some very harsh decisions to make on players who bore out that observation concerning lack of professional application. Some of them, in those dreadful Armani cream suits, look to have put on several pounds since the fitting a month ago.

They *had* come dressed like a Dixieland jazz band. They had laid back, unprofessionally indeed, in recent weeks, and *now at a Cup Final, so help us,* they were groping for the right notes, for the touch and rhythm that had twice in the League outplayed Manchester United.

Sadly, many of the Wembley audience deserved no better. I think not of the disturbed individual who spat at Cantona, nor the Liverpool lout who swung a punch at Ferguson. Far too many Liverpool followers taunted their United counterparts about Munich. Thousands of United followers, meanwhile, ignored the double team before them and spent much of the day, as they had at the FA Carling Premiership crowning at Middlesbrough last Sunday, chorusing the most lewd and *crass song they have devised* to abuse Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager.

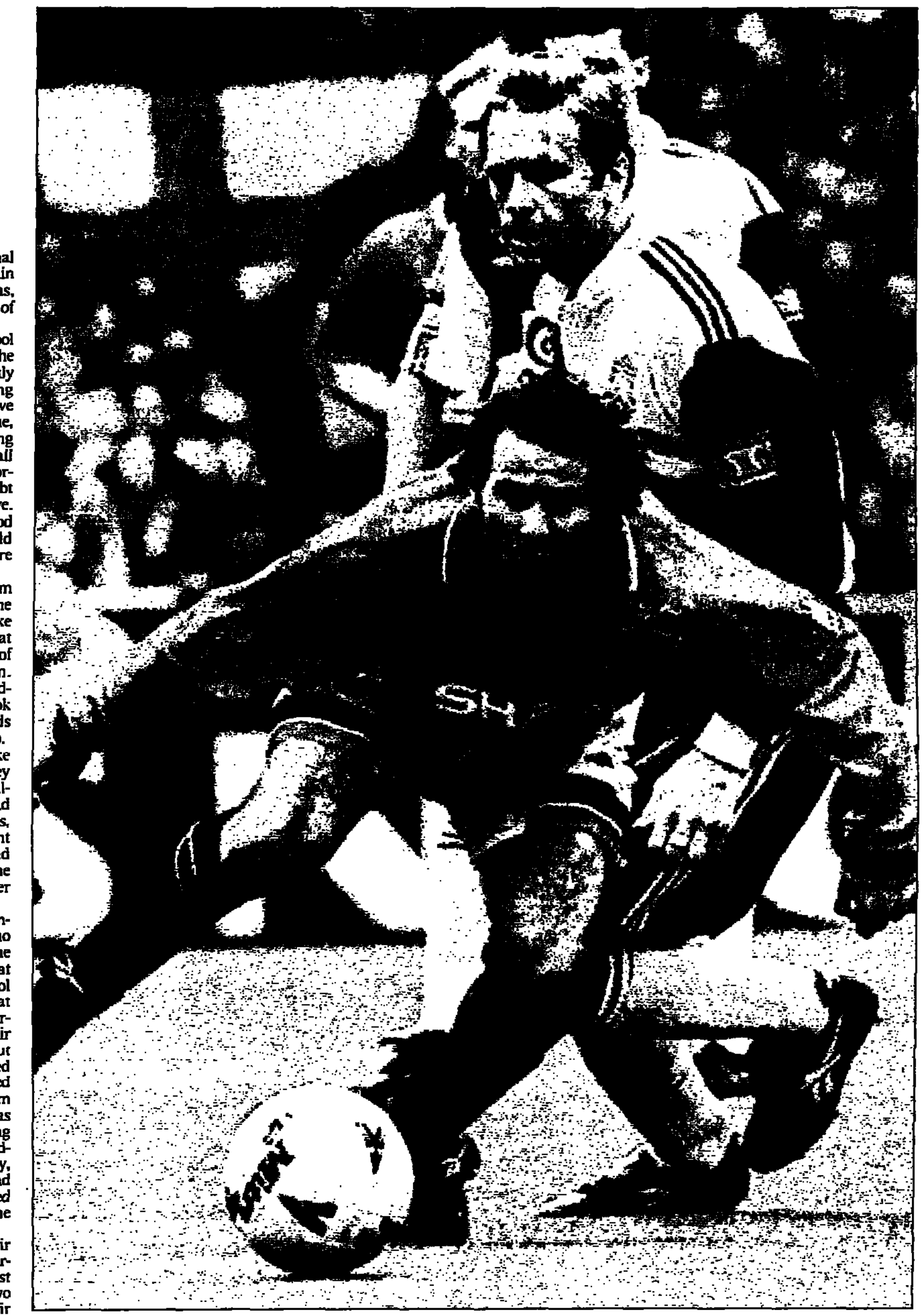
Blind fools; whatever their failings, Keegan's team entertains. Many of them must have paid £300 to attend two matches that brought their club history, and they brought *numbing* disrepute to it.

Maybe they can be redeemed, *for* they had before them the symbol of redemption. "The style is the man," *could have* been written for Cantona. It was penned three centuries ago by George Louis de Buffon, who also wrote: "Genius is nothing but a great aptitude for patience." That, too, applied to the Frenchman on Saturday.

LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): D James — M Wright, J Scales, P Babb — J McAteer, J Redknapp, J Barnes, R Jones (sub: M Thomas, 86min) — S McManaman — S Collymore (sub: I Rush, 74), R Fowler.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-1-1): P Schmeichel — D Irwin, D May, G Pallister, P Neville — D Beckham (sub: G Neville, 89), R Keane, N Butt, R Giggs — E Cantona — A Cole (sub: P Scholes, 63)

Referee: D Gallagher.



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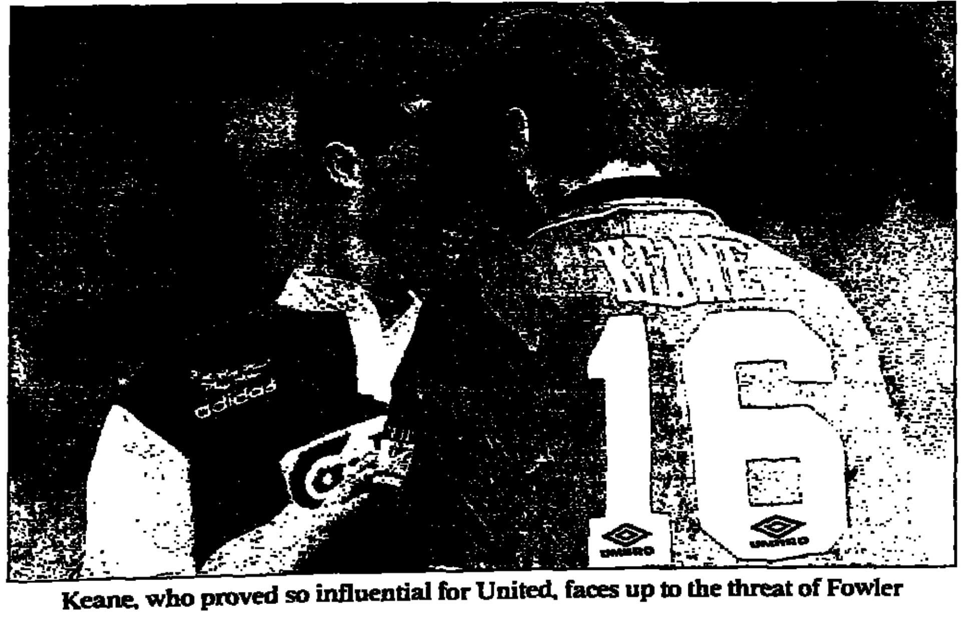
Giggs, the United forward, receives the ball as Scales, the Liverpool defender, closes in to suppress the threat



Keane, who proved so influential for United, faces up to the threat of Fowler

Supporting cast tell tale of two cities

Michael Henderson says that Cantona's winning goal was a fitting riposte to the excesses of sections of the Liverpool crowd

The art of captaincy, Ian Chappell has said, is keeping *those players* who think you are a bastard away from those who are not quite sure. Australia's cricketers were *eventually* grateful for Chappell's bastardy and Manchester United's supporters would feel terribly deprived this morning were it not for Alex Ferguson's contrariness.

The United manager's achievement this season is without parallel in the history of English football. To win a second double in two years with a young team that is, at best, half-formed, boggles *the* mind. One could argue that his side is not the match of some that failed to win the old first *division championship,* but the deeds speak for themselves, and the autumn doubters have been routed.

Wembley saw the best of English football neither on the field nor off it. It was a poor game, adorned by an extraordinary goal. That Cantona scored it was entirely apt. He has illuminated the season and his qualities of intuition, balance and power were evident *in that* volley. It was a pearl, and all the more satisfying for being cast before swine.

With swift *repositioning* and a snap of his right foot, the Frenchman silenced those Liverpool supporters who had *spent the previous* two hours showing the world how adorable they are. A group perched below the Royal Box *spent most* of the time waving their arms to imitate planes, a reference to the Munich air crash. Their faces were portraits of sheer hatred, undiluted by any trace of humanity.

Not a single steward, it goes without saying, attempted to admonish them, let alone turf them out. *If this is not* behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace, what on earth is? To make light of tragedy *in such* a disgusting way, particularly when they have acquaintance with a tragedy of their own, at Hillsborough, is unforgiveable.

The "loveable Scouser" is one of the great canards of our *time. Liverpool supporters* are no more admirable than any others, and in many cases considerably worse, something that they do not need telling in Turin. Coming from Liverpool carries a burden in itself, for, as Alan Bennett has written, people there "have a cockiness that comes from being told too often that they and their city are special".

So, when Cantona went up to collect the Cup, a very special person indeed expectorated over him. Cantona gave him a look of pity. Another *man tried to batter Ferguson* as he followed his players up the steps, and when the manager said later "there was nothing silly", he was speaking no more than the truth. This is how football supporters behave, particularly Liverpool's *towards* Manchester United. Compare the behaviour of these "fans" with Leicester's at Twickenham last week, *when their team lost* the Pilkington Cup in contentious circumstances. They belong to different worlds.

There is envy in it. United are the most famous club in Great Britain, and the most successful, at the moment. There is history in it, too. Manchester has traditionally been the more prosperous city, from the Industrial Revolution through to the opening of the new *Bridgewater Hall* later this year. Manchester, though down at heel in some respects, faces the world confidently. *Liverpool, a port that* faces the wrong way, exports only self-pity.

United still have some distance to travel before they have a team capable of fulfilling all of their manager's ambitions. The memory of their last two forays into the European Cup is too fresh for anybody to make grand claims on their behalf, although, should they buy a top-class *centre half and forward* this summer, their chances of terrifying Europe will be that much greater.

Cole they can do without. Three times in the opening 15 minutes on Saturday, he failed either to give a lead or take one as United threatened the Liverpool goal. To win the championship with one so duff as Cole in their side is not the least of United's feats.

It was Cantona's day, and Ferguson's, for a job magnificently accomplished. There was one Liverpool man who *conducted himself with dignity*. Roy Evans has done a thorough job in overhauling a great club, and, though this was *not his hour of glory*, he may well live to enjoy it if he amends his team. To reform those ghastly supporters, on the other hand, would challenge a choir of angels.

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Smith allows sorry Sussex no respite

Ostler: joined mayhem

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Warwickshire beat Sussex by eight wickets

THE result will surprise nobody, for these teams look leagues apart and, if English cricket was competitively restructured, doubtless would be. Yet there were moments yesterday when the victory that Sussex need so urgently to restore a measure of pride seemed attainable — positions, indeed, from which a team with any self-confidence would probably have won.

Sussex should have scored 270 and settled for 241. Then they took the first two Warwickshire wickets for 31 and came close to several more, but, for each surge of adrenalin, there was a deep deflation, so that the eventual outcome seemed predetermined even before Neil Smith put it beyond doubt with his maiden Sunday league century and an unbroken stand with Dominic Ostler of 214, a county record.

Warwickshire, like Sussex, lost their first three matches in this competition last season. Unlike Sussex, they rallied to such effect that they lost the title to Kent only on run-rate. Believing, as they do, that all things are theirs for the taking, they will probably put that straight this year, though they must be prepared to lose Smith to the England team for the Texaco Trophy series in a fortnight's time.

Smith's World Cup role was not clearly defined. Was he the pinch-hitter who could also bowl mean off spin? Or the specialist slow bowler capable of runs in the lower order? It was never resolved, but he is certain to feature in the selectorial discussion of potential openers next weekend, having followed a dashing 80 in the Benson and Hedges Cup with 111 not out from 87 balls yesterday.

Surprisingly, for one of his reputation, Smith had made only four while Vasbert Drakes, bowling with more venom than he mustered in the championship fixture, dismissed Knight and Paul Smith. He built his innings with care, and only in its latter stages, with Sussex flagging and Ostler a willing partner in mayhem, did he cut loose, seeing his side to victory with an insulting 5.5 overs to spare.

This outcome was greatly appreciated by Warwickshire's travelling supporters, some of whom — those with beerguts and tattoos stacked inside their Brew XI replica shirts who were bellowing inane football chants — do their best to drag the tone of Sunday cricket even further below its deliberately downmarket image.

Coloured clothes may be a valid trademark of this, an identification of a different game, but certainly it fails to identify the teams. Warwickshire play in a curious mix of Oxford and Cambridge blues, gold and white that one would have thought it impossible to copy. Yesterday, Sussex played in identical colours; only the design was subtly different.

As with all one-day diversions, however, Sundays have their specialists. One such is Keith Greenfield, who was Sussex's leading runmaker in the league last year and their top scorer again yesterday. He made his 72 assiduously, but it was utterly upstaged by Martin Speight, a player who can astonish, delight and infuriate in the time that it takes most ordinary batsmen to play themselves in.

Speight reverse-swept four consecutive balls from Neil Smith, all of them sweet and solid from the middle of the bat, before pull-driving sixes off good length balls from Welch and Paul Smith. He made his 39 from 24 balls and almost knocked Neil Smith over as he took the catch that dismissed him. Sussex were 124 for one in the 21st over when he was out, leaving everyone but Warwickshire begging for more.

Indians feel backlash as Symonds puts case

By Jack Bailey

BRISTOL (second day of three): Gloucestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 155 runs behind the Indians

LOOKING for young Turks to bolster England's fortunes in the Texaco Trophy against India this year and beyond, has become the name of the game. Alistair Brown and Adam Hollioake, of Surrey have been mentioned, Mark Ealham, of Kent, has his supporters. Entering the lists yesterday, although for various reasons as something of a long shot, came Andrew Symonds, of Gloucestershire.

He came in during a delay while a broken stump was replaced with Gloucestershire on 38 for threee, facing an Indian total of 406 and Srinath in full flight against the county that he served so well last season.

Srinath had plucked out Dawson, Lynch and Hancock during a spell of three wickets for nine runs in ten balls. Symonds's immediate response was to open his account with a square cut for four and a push through midwicket for a couple; from that point, it was plain sailing.

Young Dominic Hewson, who was making his first-class debut, did his stuff at the other end in making his way to a promising half-century from 160 balls, but all eyes were on Symonds as he went past fifty from 56 balls with ten fours, scored the bulk of the 140 added with Hewson in 29 overs and reached his century from 111 balls.

This included 16 fours hit to all parts of the ground and a vast six over square leg off Joshi, who suffered a similar fate as Symonds moved on to 120 by the close.

The innings that Symonds produced was a feast of controlled hitting, a quick selection of the ball to smite and total commitment to the stroke. A half-chance to backward point, when he had made 101, was as close as he came to dismissal. It was enough to make a chairman of the England selection committee at least scratch his head.

Raymond Illingworth and company will still harbour doubts about selecting Symonds, after his unavailability last winter, no matter how many innings like this he produces.

Sandeep Patil, the Indian manager, has no such misgivings. "We are happy for England to pick any player who will deliver the goods", he said. "When he toured with the Australian Under-19 team, Symonds hammered us. We would welcome his entry into international cricket this summer."

The Indians made no concessions yesterday. They batted on for a further three hours, lost six wickets while adding 123 and, barring the unexpected, killed the game stone dead.

There were beneficiaries even from this gambit. One was Raul Dravid, one of the reserve wicketkeepers, who batted stylishly on his way to an undefeated 86. He hit nine crisp fours while the Indian tail, Srinath apart, dissolved around him.

There was also Mark Alleyne, Gloucestershire's acting captain, who deployed his resources well. He also came within an ace of producing career-best bowling figures, finishing with five for 81.

Had it not been for Srinath's determination to remind his old colleagues of his all-round abilities, he might well have done so. His partnership with Dravid was the only worthwhile one for the Indians yesterday, realising 70 runs from 17 overs. These are early days, but Dravid's innings could bring him into the reckoning for the one-day internationals. Symonds, though, may well have to wait rather longer.

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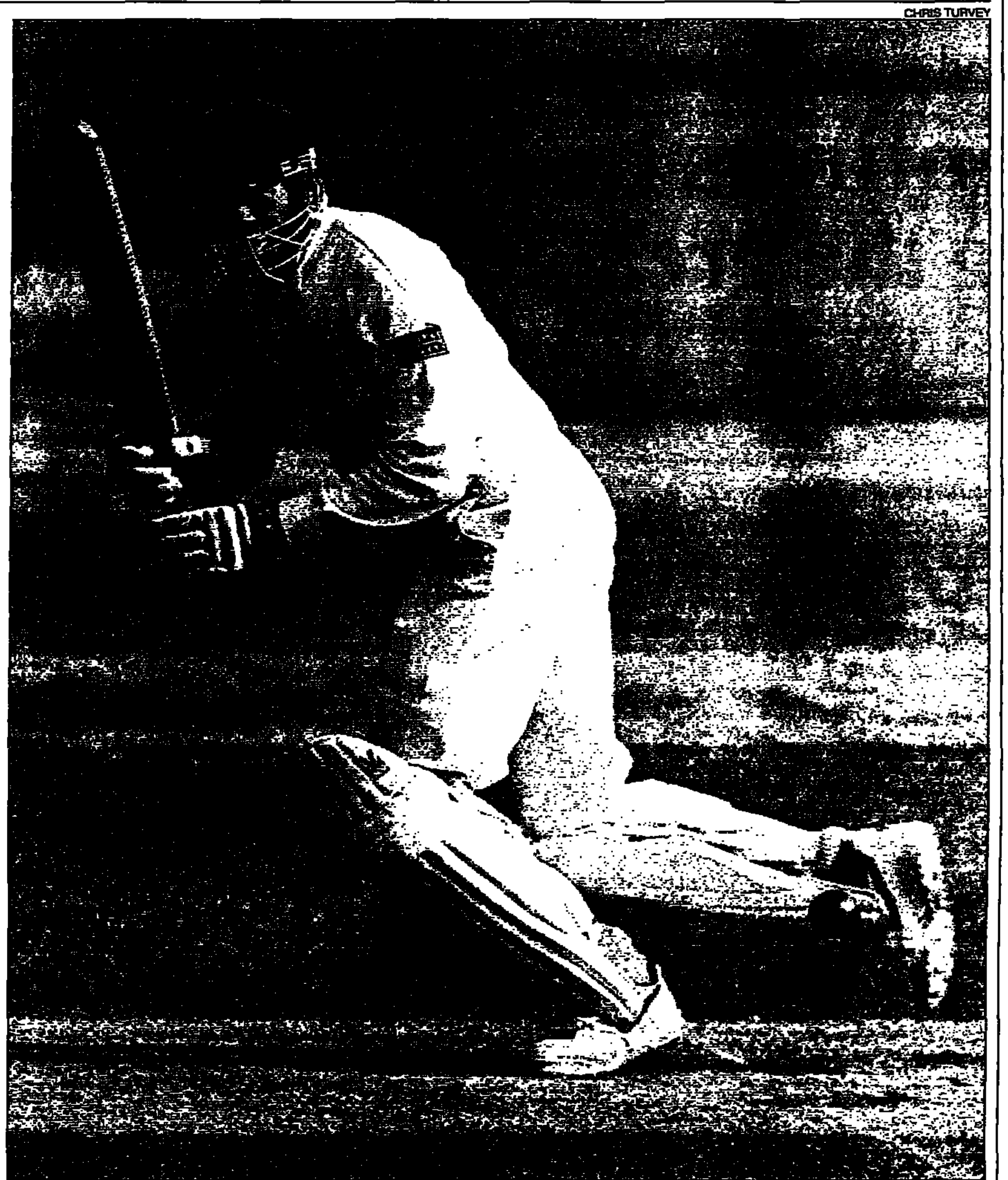

Symonds pierces the leg-side field on his way to a century from 111 balls against the touring team at Bristol

Brown muscles into one-day frame

By Pat Gibson

The Oval (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Kent by 150 runs

ALISTAIR BROWN did not just batter on the door of the England selectors demanding inclusion in their squad for the forthcoming one-day internationals against India. He hammered out his message on the roof of the Oval pavilion.

Foster's, the Surrey sponsor, has offered £50,000 to any batsman who can clear the building and Brown was within feet of claiming it when he drove the Kent bowler Julian Thompson straight back over his head and almost demolished the television commentary box. It is a shame that Raymond Illingworth was not sitting in it.

The recurring criticism of Brown during his four seasons at Surrey is that he does not know how to "stop" the ball but that hardly seems to matter, in the one-day game at any rate, when he can dispatch it whence it came with such an array of shots. He is the most exciting stroke-maker in the land and if England are looking for someone to play as Jayasuriya did for Sri Lanka in the World Cup, he is the obvious choice.

Even Jayasuriya would have been pushed to match him yesterday in this AXA Equity & Law League match. Having "stopped" his first ball from Thompson as if to prove that he could do it, he sent his second soaring like an arrow over extra cover for six. His next ball went over long-on and with a third six, pulled over mid-wicket off Wren, that towering blow off Thompson and three cracking fours, he was past 50 from only 25 balls.

There were four more boundaries before his departure, bowled by Ealham as he went to drive.

Brown had struck 84 from 50 balls in an opening stand of 127 in 18 overs with Ward who had been quite content to admire his partner's handiwork from the other end, but now proceeded to wreak some havoc of his own.

They like to call themselves "the Croydon butchers" and once Brown had brought the Kent bowlers to their knees, Ward was more than happy to carve them up with some lusty hitting of his own. He had already taken a slice of the action by driving Hooper over long-on for six and there were four more sixes to go with his seven fours as he accelerated to 112 off 136 balls, spurred on by the sound of more than £1,000 dropping into the collection boxes for his benefit.

The rest smacked of overkill as Surrey alllowed their two Test batsmen, Stewart and Thorpe, to put their feet up while three more hitters, Adam Hollioake, Lewis and Julian, took them to a total of 307 for five, the most runs Kent have conceded in 28 years of Sunday League cricket.

The champions were beaten and they knew it. They had contributed to their own downfall by dropping three catches and once they had lost their own pinch-hitter, Fleming, in the first over, only Hooper offered token resistance before they subsided to 150 all out.

Surrey had made history by including two sets of brothers, the Hollioakes, Adam and Ben, and the Bicknells, Darren and Martin, in their side, but it was Brown who had made their day.

Law cast in Essex's finest mould

By Ivo Tennant

ESSEX do not make too many errors when it comes to choosing their overseas player. Think of Keith Boyce, Lee Irvine, Ken McEwan, Allan Border, Mark Waugh. Even Huge Page, the least successful, did not want for talent. Now, it would seem they have chosen wisely again. Stuart Law, the captain of Queensland, made his first century in the AXA Equity & Law League in a ten-wicket victory over Hampshire at Southampton.

Law, who was signed as a replacement for his compatriot, Waugh, reached a century off 90 balls and won the match with a six. There was another in his innings, as well as 12 fours. Robinson helped to bring about victory with more than seven overs to spare.

For Stephenson, the new Hampshire captain, this was not an entirely forgettable day. He carried his bat through his side's innings, hitting a six and 11 fours in an innings of 110 against his former county. Alas for him, it was never likely to be sufficient, for a total of 187 for five was too meagre for a side as well schooled in this form of the game as Essex.

Few batsmen excel at the 40-overs game to the same extent as Fairbrother. He may not care for his reputation as a one-day specialist, but he is stuck with it. He was improvising as well as ever yesterday, his innings of 93 almost enabling Lancashire to beat Leicestershire. They were just one run short of victory. Leicestershire had made 252 for seven, of which, Simmons, back with the county whom he cajoled so effectively when they were runners-up in the county championship two seasons ago, contributed 91.

The importance to Northamptonshire of a fit and keen Ambrose is clearly inestimable. Now 32, he will do well still to be enthused about the county circuit (that description David Lloyd, England's new coach, so dislikes) come September. Yet he remains a fine fast bowler. He conceded, in an opening spell of six overs at the County Ground, three runs, and took three wickets. One of his victims, Morris, reckoned that this was the finest opening spell he had faced in one-day cricket.

Glamorgan did make some runs of note later in their innings. Croft struck 68 and Gibson an unbeaten 47 from 32 balls, including four sixes, one of which, off Emburey, cleared the indoor cricket school. The West Indian allrounder put on 52 with Thomas in the last four overs of the innings. Yet their slow start greatly inconvenienced them. Northamptonshire, for whom Loye contributed a half-century, adding 70 in ten overs with Capel, won by four wickets.

Simmons: enthusiastic

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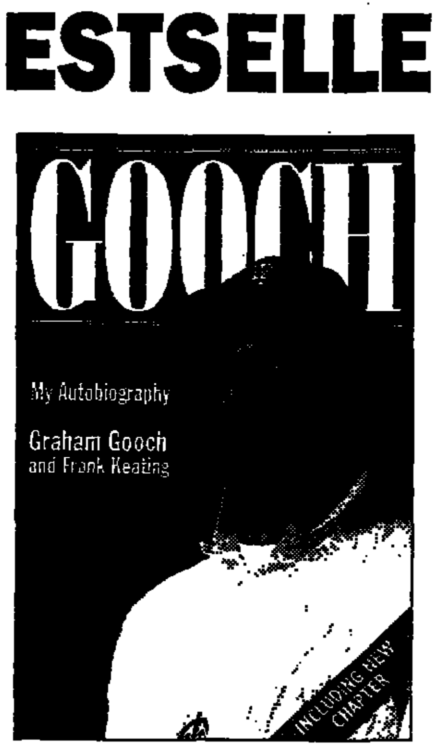

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley Challenge series

Gloucestershire v Indians

BRISTOL (second day of three): Gloucestershire with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 155 runs behind the Indians

INDIANS: First Innings

V Rathore c Hewson b Alleyne	63
N S Sidhu b Alleyne	115
S V Manjrekar c and b Alleyne	55
†R Dravid not out	86
*M Azharuddin lbw b Dawson	13
S Ganguly c Lynch b Lewis	0
S Joshi c Davis b Alleyne	15
A Kumble lbw b Alleyne	6
J Srinath c Symonds b Davis	29
Venkatesh Prasad c Alleyne b Davis	2
Ventakapathy Raju run out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 12, w 8)	22
Total	406

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-230, 3-255, 4-278, 5-290, 6-328, 7-338, 8-398, 9-405

BOWLING: Lewis 34-8-86-1; Sheeraz 32-5-101-0; Boden 6-0-19-0; Alleyne 29.1-5-81-5; Davis 26-2-88-2; Hancock 5-0-14-0; Dawson 2-0-3-1

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

R I Dawson c Rathore b Srinath	15
D R Hewson b Kumble	53
M A Lynch c Dravid b Srinath	4
T H C Hancock b Srinath	4
A Symonds not out	120
*M W Alleyne not out	43
Extras (b 5, lb 7)	12
Total (4 wkts)	251

†R C J Williams, R P Davis, J Lewis, D J P Boden and K P Sheeraz to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-34, 3-38, 4-178.

BOWLING: Srinath 16-5-58-3; Venkatesh Prasad 14-2-40-0, Ventakapathy Raju 8-1-35-0; Kumble 18-2-59-1, Joshi 8-2-47-0

Umpires: R Julian and A G T Whitehead

AXA Equity & Law League

Hampshire v Essex

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Hampshire by ten wickets

HAMPSHIRE

*J P Stephenson not out	110
J S Laney c Law b Cowan	16
R A Smith c Rollins b Cowan	0
P R Whitaker c Grayson b Irani	7
R S M Morris c Rollins b Irani	18
G W White c Grayson b Ilott	10
W K M Benjamin not out	11
Extras (lb 9, w 6)	15
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	187

†A N Aymes, S D Udal, M J Thursfield and C A Connor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-54, 3-80, 4-134, 5-163

BOWLING: Ilott 6-0-34-1; Cowan 8-3-17-2; Law 6-0-20-0; Such 8-0-46-0; Irani 8-0-32-2; Grayson 4-0-29-0.

ESSEX

D D J Robinson not out	76
S G Law not out	108
Extras (lb 3, w 3)	6
Total (no wkt, 32.2 overs)	190

J J B Lewis, *N Hussain, G A Gooch, R C Irani, A P Grayson, †R J Rollins, M C Ilott, P M Such and A P Cowan did not bat.

BOWLING: Benjamin 6-0-20-0, Connor 8-1-40-0; Thursfield 5-0-51-0; Stephenson 3-0-23-0; Udal 8-0-34-0; Whitaker 2.2-0-19-0

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

Lancashire v Leicestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Leicestershire (4pts) beat Lancashire by one run

LEICESTERSHIRE

P V Simmons b Yates	91
V J Wells c Gallian b Yates	45
B F Smith c Atherton b Watkinson	26
J M Dakin c Fairbrother b Martin	0
*J J Whitaker b Watkinson	27
†P A Nixon not out	28
D L Maddy st Hegg b Gallian	16
C C Remy c Elworthy b Gallian	4
G J Parsons not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 8)	13
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	252

A R K Pierson and A D Mullally did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-107, 2-159, 3-160, 4-187, 5-206, 6-235, 7-241.

BOWLING: Martin 8-0-45-1; Austin 8-0-33-0; Elworthy 4-0-36-0; Yates 8-0-49-2; Watkinson 7-0-50-2; Gallian 5-0-34-2

LANCASHIRE

J E R Gallian c Remy b Mullally	23
M A Atherton c Whitaker b Parsons	14
J P Crawley c Simmons b Parsons	3
N H Fairbrother c Nixon b Mullally	93
G D Lloyd c and b Simmons	51
*M Watkinson c Dakin b Pierson	1
†W K Hegg not out	47
I D Austin run out	3
Extras (b 6, lb 5, w 1, nb 4)	16
Total (7 wkts, 40 overs)	251

S Elworthy, G Yates and P J Martin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-40, 3-42, 4-149, 5-160, 6-230.

BOWLING: Mullally 8-1-27-2, Parsons 8-0-33-2; Remy 5-0-31-0, Wells 3-0-31-0; Pierson 7-0-64-1; Simmons 8-0-40-1; Maddy 1-0-14-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White.

Middlesex v Durham

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Durham by 17 runs

MIDDLESEX

P N Weekes lbw b Collingwood	57
M R Ramprakash lbw b Brown	4
*M W Gatting b Killeen	39
J D Carr st Scott b Bainbridge	13
J C Pooley c Collingwood b Brown	30
†K R Brown not out	28
O A Shah not out	23
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 2, nb 2)	14
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	208

K P Dutch, A R C Fraser, R A Fay and D Follett did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-80, 3-113, 4-129, 5-162.

BOWLING: Betts 5-0-32-0; Brown 8-0-35-2; Foster 6-0-27-0, Killeen 8-0-37-1; Collingwood 8-0-37-1; Bainbridge 5-0-30-1.

DURHAM

S L Campbell st Brown b Weekes	29
M J Foster c Pooley b Fraser	6
S Hutton c Gatting b Carr	7
J E Morris c Carr b Follett	12
*M A Roseberry lbw b Carr	12
P Bainbridge c Ramprakash b Weekes	34
P D Collingwood st Brown b Weekes	5
†C W Scott c Weekes b Dutch	17
N Killeen st Brown b Dutch	32
S J E Brown not out	14
M M Betts c Follett b Dutch	11
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 5)	12
Total (39.1 overs)	191

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-28, 3-44, 4-67, 5-77, 6-99, 7-116, 8-159, 9-165.

BOWLING: Fay 8-1-34-0, Fraser 8-1-38-1; Follett 8-0-48-1; Carr 5-0-25-2, Weekes 8-0-29-3, Dutch 2.1-0-10-3.

Umpires: A Clarkson and J H Harris

Northamptonshire v Glamorgan

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by four wickets

GLAMORGAN

S P James c Ripley b Ambrose	0
H Morris b Capel	17
*M P Maynard c Bailey b Ambrose	9
P A Cottey c Ripley b Ambrose	1
A Dale c Ambrose b Curran	21
R D B Croft run out	68
O D Gibson not out	47
S D Thomas not out	20
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 4, nb 2)	16
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	199

†C P Metson, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-13, 3-17, 4-34, 5-72, 6-147.

BOWLING: Ambrose 8-3-14-3, Mallender 8-1-29-0; Capel 8-1-29-1; Emburey 8-1-44-0; Curran 5-0-41-1, Penberthy 3-0-32-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

R R Montgomerie c Metson b Barwick	32
A Fordham c Morris b Gibson	13
*R J Bailey b Barwick	8
K M Curran c Metson b Barwick	4
M B Loye c Cottey b Barwick	58
D J Capel lbw b Dale	33
A L Penberthy not out	30
†D Ripley not out	0
Extras (lb 10, w 6, nb 6)	22
Total (6 wkts, 39.4 overs)	200

J E Emburey, C E L Ambrose and N A Mallender did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-46, 3-56, 4-79, 5-149, 6-192

BOWLING: Gibson 7.4-1-26-1; Watkin 8-1-36-0; Barwick 8-0-34-4; Croft 8-1-43-0; Dale 6-0-34-1; Thomas 2-0-17-0.

Umpires: G I Burgess and M J Kitchen.

Somerset v Nottinghamshire

TAUNTON (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Somerset by six wickets

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell c Metcalfe b Tolley	28
*P D Bowler c Pick b Bates	24
S C Ecclestone c Pollard b Tolley	18
R J Harden c Johnson b Cairns	66
S Lee c Johnson b Pick	68
†R J Turner b Pick	3
G D Rose b Cairns	6
M E Trescothick run out	10
P C L Holloway not out	3
Extras (lb 2, w 4)	6
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	232

A R Caddick and H R J Trump did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-69, 3-76, 4-208, 5-212, 6-213, 7-222, 8-232

BOWLING: Pennett 8-0-44-0; Pick 8-0-39-2, Tolley 8-0-50-2; Cairns 8-1-42-2; Bates 6-0-43-1; Archer 2-0-12-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard lbw b Trump	48
R T Robinson b Ecclestone	19
G F Archer c Holloway b Trump	47
*P Johnson c Caddick b Trump	42
A A Metcalfe not out	34
C L Cairns not out	31
Extras (lb 4, w 7, nb 2)	13
Total (4 wkts, 36.3 overs)	234

C M Tolley, †W M Noon, R T Bates, R A Pick and D B Pennett did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-85, 3-151, 4-175.

BOWLING: Caddick 6.3-0-35-0; Rose 8-1-58-0; Ecclestone 8-1-49-1; Lee 6-0-44-0; Trump 8-0-44-3

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R Palmer.

Surrey v Kent

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss) Surrey (4pts) beat Kent by 150 runs

SURREY

D M Ward run out	112
A D Brown b Ealham	84
A J Hollioake c Llong b Fleming	25
C C Lewis c Walker b Fleming	27
B P Julian not out	34
B C Hollioake lbw b Fleming	0
D J Bicknell not out	2
Extras (b 6, lb 10, w 5, nb 2)	23
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	307

*†A J Stewart, G P Thorpe, M P Bicknell and R M Pearson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-127, 2-198, 3-251, 4-296, 5-305.

BOWLING: Wren 6-0-43-0; Thompson 3-0-30-0, Hooper 8-0-50-0; McCague 8-0-43-0, Ealham 7-0-63-1; Fleming 7-0-46-3, Llong 1-0-16-0.

KENT

T R Ward c Stewart b M P Bicknell	24
M V Fleming c Julian b M P Bicknell	4
C L Hooper c Stewart b Julian	43
G R Cowdrey c Brown b Julian	10
M A Ealham c Thorpe b A J Hollioake	10
M J Walker run out	8
N J Llong c Stewart b Julian	5
*†S A Marsh lbw b A J Hollioake	10
M J McCague c Ward b A J Hollioake	16
J B D Thompson not out	6
T N Wren b A J Hollioake	5
Extras (lb 2, w 8, nb 6)	16
Total (26.5 overs)	157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-49, 3-69, 4-91, 5-111, 6-111, 7-120, 8-132, 9-150

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 6-0-39-2; Lewis 4-0-24-0; Julian 6-0-38-3, A J Hollioake 7.5-0-34-4; B C Hollioake 3-0-20-0.

Umpires: K J Lyons and B J Meyer

Sussex v Warwickshire

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Sussex by eight wickets

SUSSEX

K Greenfield run out	72
J W Hall c Knight b N M K Smith	33
M P Speight c N M K Smith b Welch	39
*A P Wells run out	33
†P Moores run out	16
D R C Law c Ostler b Pollock	16
K Newell not out	8
V C Drakes not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 7, nb 6)	21
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	241

N C Phillips, P W Jarvis and E S H Giddins did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-67, 2-124, 3-192, 4-193, 5-221, 6-232.

BOWLING: Reeve 8-0-35-0; Brown 5-0-25-0; Pollock 8-0-50-1, N M K Smith 8-0-41-1; P A Smith 4-0-27-0, Welch 6-0-44-1; Giles 1-0-11-0.

WARWICKSHIRE

N V Knight c Wells b Drakes	10
N M K Smith not out	111
P A Smith c and b Drakes	10
D P Ostler not out	91
Extras (b 1, lb 15, w 7)	23
Total (2 wkts, 34.1 overs)	245

T L Penney, *D A Reeve, S M Pollock, D R Brown, †K J Piper, A F Giles and G Welch did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-31

BOWLING: Drakes 8-0-41-2; Jarvis 6-0-30-0; Law 4.1-0-41-0; Giddins 8-0-43-0; Newell 2-0-23-0; Phillips 6-0-51-0.

Umpires: J W Holder and V A Holder.

Yorkshire v Derbyshire

SHEFFIELD (Derbyshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 45 runs

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas c Jones b Harris	31
M P Vaughan b Cork	24
M G Bevan run out	5
A McGrath c Krikken b Griffith	16
C White c DeFreitas b Aldred	45
†R J Blakey c Adams b Wells	36
D Gough c DeFreitas b Cork	20
A C Morris run out	14
P J Hartley c Wells b Cork	2
C E W Silverwood not out	1
Extras (lb 4, w 4, nb 8)	16
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	210

R D Stemp did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-68, 3-87, 4-87, 5-171, 6-173, 7-202, 8-207, 9-210.

BOWLING: Cork 8-0-41-3; DeFreitas 6-0-46-0; Griffith 8-0-30-1, Harris 6-1-23-1; Wells 6-0-26-1; Jones 1-0-5-0; Aldred 5-0-35-1.

DERBYSHIRE

K J Barnett lbw b Silverwood	52
*D M Jones c Bevan b Stemp	23
C J Adams b Gough	39
J E Owen c and b Stemp	0
C M Wells c and b Stemp	8
P A J DeFreitas lbw b White	12
†K M Krikken lbw b Gough	0
D G Cork run out	10
F A Griffith run out	0
P Aldred not out	7
A J Harris b White	1
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 2, nb 2)	13
Total (37.3 overs)	165

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-81, 3-82, 4-103, 5-138, 6-139, 7-148, 8-149, 9-162.

BOWLING: Hartley 7-0-30-0; Gough 8-0-38-2; Silverwood 8-0-26-1; White 6.3-0-30-2, Stemp 8-0-32-3

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Plews.

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Calculating high cost of providing overseas aid

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

THE value of overseas players has never been judged fairly on runs and wickets alone, but, in these parlous times for English cricket, their contribution to the domestic game requires clearer analysis. There is a growing case for concluding that their presence is counter-productive.

Supporters of the import base their case on his glamour, which, theoretically, attracts spectator interest, and his ability, which is supposed to inspire young Englishmen. A trawl through the present intake of 18, however, indicates not only a shortage of glamour but also, in too many instances, a suspicion that the player has far more to gain from the deal than his adopted club or his English colleagues.

Precious few imports playing in the county championship this season will add significantly to gate figures. Dean Jones, who made a double-century on Saturday, may bring in a few to watch Derbyshire, and Warwickshire secured the coup of the year when signing Shaun Pollock, the model overseas player in every way.

Pollock: ideal signing

The longevity of Courtney Walsh with Gloucestershire guarantees his welcome and, doubtless, Curtly Ambrose and Carl Hooper will win games for Northamptonshire and Kent, respectively. These are luminaries with vast Test experience and wisdom aplenty to impart to the dressing-room.

Where the system fails is in its perception of being compulsory. Counties not only feel obliged to engage an overseas player even if there is nobody appropriate available, but also they invariably pick him. The first compulsion is a drain on financial resources and the second is regularly a disincentive to aspiring Englishmen.

An alarming number of dubious overseas signings have been made, but the collection this season is the least impressive in recent memory. A key area for concern is where a fringe foreign Test player, such as Brendon Julian, of Surrey, and Shane Lee of Somerset, hone their credentials here, primarily for personal gain. It is not the fault of these cricketers; the system encourages it.

Much more damaging to England's cause, however, is the omission of a promising local to accommodate a comparable overseas player. This has been evident this season at Lancashire and Sussex, and there is potential for the same to occur at Glamorgan.

Glen Chapple and Jason Lewry played in the the putative Test trial at Chelmsford last month, but now are being kept out of their county sides by Steve Elworthy and Vasbert Drakes, second-division cricketers from South Africa and West Indies. If and when Ottis Gibson regains fitness for Glamorgan, the same fate could befall Darren Thomas, an all-rounder of exciting potential.

At a time when every encouragement must be given to home-grown cricketers if England are to become competitive, this is nonsensical. The one-year moratorium on overseas players, in 1999, confirms the concern of some counties, but too many others are working on precedent, not long-term benefits.

Sussex probably wish that they had engaged Desmond Haynes, their coach, as a player instead of Drakes, for they need a batsman urgently. They lost another 11 wickets at Hove on Saturday and are still 236 short of avoiding an innings defeat by Warwickshire. Drakes is at the crease, with a point to prove.

Somerset, inspired by 13 wickets from the engaging Graham Rose, overwhelmed Nottinghamshire by lunch on the third day, but there are sterner contests continuing elsewhere, including the prospect of Essex coming from behind for a second win in two games, against Hampshire at Southampton.

Middlesex have left Durham a formidable 374 to pursue at Lord's and, at the Oval, Surrey are well placed to beat Kent. At Northampton, there is a decent finish in prospect against Glamorgan in a match that may be something of a trendsetter. There are no overseas players.

Hooper's strokeplay earns universal admiration, but his talent belies his Test record. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Hooper pursues testing target

Simon Wilde on the West Indies batsman aiming to prove his international pedigree

Ask regular cricket-watchers in England about Carl Hooper and they will say the same thing — "Ah yes, Hooper. What a lovely player. Makes batting look so effortless."

"Effortless" is a key word in the Hooper lexicon: so, strangely, is "effort". Because, though his talents enable him to make the game look simple, he desperately struggles to do justice to them when playing Test cricket. He is the Caribbean's own Graeme Hick: indeed, in terms of figures, Hooper makes Hick's litany of under-achievements read like Alexander's progress through Persia.

Hooper, who is in his fourth season with Kent, has something else in common with Hick: he reached adulthood without discovering that cricket could be a difficult game. He came to it easily in his native Guyana. He was a natural; the embodiment of grace and effortlessness.

He came to Test cricket young — although not, he insists, too young. He first played for West Indies in 1987, with only a smattering of first-class appearances behind him, and scored a century in his second match, 12 days after his 21st birthday. Lovely player, young Hooper.

He had no obvious technical flaws, but, in adulthood, he was to learn how hard the game could be. He started making low scores and finding out about failure. He also found out that, as an international player, "people are always writing things about you in the papers".

Doubts were then raised about his desire to compete at the top level, and they are not yet dispelled. When West Indies lost their first Test series in 15 years to Australia last year, Hooper's brittleness under pressure attracted a lot of criticism. His 52 Test appearances and five centuries are no compensation for the arrows of disdain.

"I am 29 and at the halfway point of my career," he said. "Anything I have missed in the past I must try to make up for. I know my Test average [31.85] is lower than it should be. I believe I can drag it up to the mid-forties, but it will take me the rest of my career." He sounded ready for the haul.

Hooper's attempt to set his international career to rights led him to take up county cricket in 1992.

"I was having problems concentrating in Test cricket," he said. "County cricket helps you to keep going because of the regularity of it. It makes you more professional."

He made mountains of runs for Kent and his Test record slightly improved, but his heavy schedule plus the debilitating after-effects of malaria often left him feeling burnt out.

Earlier this year, Hooper withdrew from the World Cup and a home series against New Zealand, citing ill-health and personal problems that have since been resolved. His explanation was fair, but treated with scepticism by the West Indies cricket board, which has never been guilty of wrapping its players in cotton wool, and sections of the Caribbean press, whose behaviour only confirmed his worst suspicions.

The break appears to have renewed his appetite for the game. Moreover, his relationship with the West Indies board is repaired after a recent trip to Guyana, where he met Clive Lloyd, the new coach, who is working to reunify a fragmented team.

Since then, Hooper has set himself a target for the first time: to score 2,000 runs in the championship this season. "I have to prove my desire to compete at the highest level," he said. In November, West Indies tour Australia and Hooper wants to be there.

Hooper would like 2,000 runs for another reason. Last year he toured England with West Indies and his place at Kent was filled by Aravinda de Silva. De Silva scored 1,661 championship runs, more than Hooper ever has. Lovely player, de Silva, everyone said, and a lovely man, outgoing and sunny. Hooper can only be termed an introvert.

So Hooper has some ghosts to lay. If things go well, he will probably devote himself to his international career after 1997. Whatever happens, he will always be a lovely player.

Bailey aiming to put stamp on title deeds

Ivo Tennant profiles a captain with a desire to eclipse his county's greats

ROB BAILEY is not a man given to vaulting ambition or greed. He lives a sparse, self-effacing life of quiet attainment that has won him more friends than England caps. When, at the start of the season, the *Northamptonshire Evening Telegraph* asked him to name his rate for writing a regular column, he declined any payment, telling them that he considered the task an honour. How many other county captains would have done the same?

Here, then, is the kind of professional who gives county cricketers a good name. Bailey was appalled to read last week of the girl who, having ditched her boyfriend, wanted him back now that he has won the National Lottery. The standards of a captain are reflected in his team, which should mean that umpires will have few problems with Northamptonshire this summer.

Like many cricketers, though, Bailey has had one particular ambition, although it is not easy to understand his desire. Think of these leaders: "Tubby" Vials, Freddie Brown, Dennis Brookes, Raman Subba Row, Keith Andrew, Roger Prideaux, Mushtaq Mohammad, Geoff Cook, Allan Lamb. All Test cricketers or decent captains, or both — and all destined to ultimate failure. Northamptonshire have yet to win the county championship.

Had there not been a tendency at the club to genuflect to Lamb, Bailey would probably have been appointed captain a while ago. As it was, the longer he was made to wait, the more the chance increased of a younger man, such as Alan Fordham or David Capel, coming into the reckoning. Roy Wills, Bailey's father-in-law, chairs the cricket committee, which could have been an embarrassment to both had they not respected each other's sensibilities; he vacated his seat willingly at the relevant selection meeting.

Bailey, who is 32 and had been vice-captain for five years, learnt of Lamb's retirement on Northamptonshire's pre-season tour of South Africa. It did not make for the ideal start, but then there has been many a captain before him who has had difficulties incorporating his predecessor in his team. There will be more opportunities now for Mal Loye, Russell Warren and the three promising Young England batsmen, David Sales, Alec Swann and David Roberts.

Also, there is a fresh start in every sense at the County Ground with the arrival of John Emburey as player/coach/sage. Emburey has noticed a change in Bailey already.

"Rob is very positive in wanting to attack and has shown more of a willingness as a batsman to take on the opposition from the word go," Emburey said. "Without a doubt, we will win something this season."

Bailey understandably looks to Emburey for guidance, but is also prepared to listen to the younger players as well. "When I came onto the staff, Jim Watts was captain and I picked up bits and pieces from him, then Geoff Cook and Lamby, so I feel I have learnt from them all," he said. "I don't feel the need to keep my distance, to put myself on a different social pedestal to everyone else."

Emburey's presence has given him succour in another sense. Bailey's Test career was regarded as having ended after gaining the last of his four caps in the Caribbean six years ago. He feels that it is not necessarily over. He did not enjoy the best of luck — "Bailey was given out in controversial circumstances by umpire Barker after a charging, finger-flapping appeal by Viv Richards which was at best undignified and unsightly" — so wrote *Wisden* in magisterial and appropriate language.

Bailey: high standards

In the dressing-room, Bailey kicked a fridge so hard that he broke a toe. "That's cricket, that's life," he said, but such decisions can determine the length of an international career. "I haven't given up hope of playing for England again. Score a double century and the selectors will take notice."

Bailey averages more than 40 in first-class cricket and would like another opportunity to make such form tell at the highest level, but his main thoughts now are not of himself, but how to win that elusive championship.

Cake makes most of his slice of luck

By Jack Bailey

THE PARKS (Cambridge University won the toss): Cambridge University beat Oxford University by 103 runs

RUSSELL CAKE, the Cambridge University captain, has a lot going for him; not least is that priceless asset that Napoleon always required of his generals — a certain amount of luck. The good fortune, that has brought him 12 successes from 13 flips of the coin this season, was just what Cambridge needed to dominate this match.

Of course, they had to take advantage of an excellent batting pitch, but they did this to great effect, mainly by means of a sturdy knock by Reimell Ragnauth, a scintillating century from Amarug Singh and a *tour de force* by Cake himself. Faced with the daunting task of scoring 332 to win from 50 overs, Oxford were game but out-gunned.

Chinmay Gupte led from the front with 47, but he needed Iain Sutcliffe, or one of his middle-order stroker-makers, to cut loose. Here again, Cake was the master, switching his bowlers, placing his field cleverly; and Cambridge bowled and fielded with verve, too.

Neither Ridley, Khan or Wagh could shrug off the shackles imposed by Moffat and Jones and, although Jarrett struck some firm blows towards the end, Oxford found nobody to match Singh's superb 108 from 86 balls.

Three-day games are different and no prophecies should be made for the University match at Lord's in July, but, on this evidence, it could produce a good many runs.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Somerset v Nottinghamshire

TAUNTON (third day of four): Somerset (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (5) by ten wickets

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 200 (G F Archer 83; G D Rose 6 for 41)

Second Innings

R T Robinson lbw b Caddick	37
A A Metcalfe c Holloway b Rose	47
G F Archer b Shine	36
*P Johnson lbw b Rose	0
M P Dowman b Lee	6
C L Cairns c Turner b Rose	48
C M Tolley c sub b Rose	12
†W M Noon lbw b Rose	18
R A Pick b Rose	10
D B Pennett c Lee b Rose	7
J A Afford not out	2
Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 4)	15
Total	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-93, 3-93, 4-124, 5-153, 6-195, 7-202, 8-224, 9-229

BOWLING: Caddick 21-8-70-1, Shine 11-2-53-1; Rose 20-2-8-47-7; Lee 10-2-30-1; Batty 11-3-28-0

SOMERSET: First Innings 309 (S Lee 82, P C L Holloway 50; D B Pennett 4 for 116)

Second Innings

M N Lathwell not out	66
P D Bowler not out	57
Extras (lb 3, nb 4)	7
Total (no wkt)	130

BOWLING: Cairns 7-1-26-0; Pennett 6-1-45-0; Pick 5-0-37-0, Tolley 4-0-19-0

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R Palmer.

Hampshire v Essex

SOUTHAMPTON (third day of four): Hampshire, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 242 runs ahead of Essex

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 539 (W K M Benjamin 117, A N Aymes 113, P R Whitaker 55, R A Smith 50, J P Stephenson 50)

Second Innings

*J P Stephenson c Law b Such	36
J S Laney c Robinson b Such	28
R S M Morris c Hussain b Such	11
R A Smith b Grayson	9
G W White lbw b Such	1
P R Whitaker not out	29
†A N Aymes run out	4
W K M Benjamin c and b Such	5
S D Udal not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 2)	8
Total (7 wkts)	135

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-69, 3-86, 4-88, 5-89, 6-106, 7-113.

BOWLING: Ilott 4-0-20-0, Williams 3-0-27-0; Such 20-7-27-5; Irani 3-1-12-0, Grayson 16-3-43-1

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch b Benjamin	130
D D J Robinson b Milburn	18
N Hussain lbw b Connor	22
S G Law b Benjamin	143
*P J Prichard c Whitaker b Udal	23
R C Irani c Aymes b Whitaker	25
A P Grayson c Aymes b Benjamin	17
†R J Rollins b Benjamin	7
M C Ilott c Aymes b Milburn	13
N F Williams c Aymes b Milburn	15
P M Such not out	1
Extras (lb 16, w 2)	18
Total (116 overs)	432

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-106, 3-238, 4-307, 5-375, 6-375, 7-385, 8-412, 9-416.

BOWLING: Benjamin 33-9-96-4, Connor 23-8-73-1; Milburn 27-6-104-3, Stephenson 11-2-63-0, Udal 14-2-56-1, Whitaker 8-3-24-1

Bonus points: Hampshire 8 Essex 7

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

Lancashire v Leicestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (third day of four): Leicestershire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 187 runs behind

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 495 (W K Hegg 134, M A Atherton 87, G D Lloyd 65, N J Speak 55; A R K Pierson 4 for 100)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells c Hegg b Martin	4
D L Maddy st Hegg b Watkinson	10
B F Smith lbw b Elworthy	81
P V Simmons lbw b Elworthy	25
*J J Whitaker c Hegg b Watkinson	18
A R K Pierson c Hegg b Watkinson	0
A Habib lbw b Watkinson	17
†P A Nixon not out	74
D J Millns not out	51
Extras (b 6, lb 4, nb 18)	28
Total (7 wkts, 113 overs)	308

M T Brimson and A D Mullally to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-22, 3-64, 4-98, 5-98, 6-142, 7-185.

BOWLING: Martin 24-7-51-1; Austin 17-5-23-0; Watkinson 29-10-66-4; Elworthy 21-0-118-2; Keedy 19-9-34-0, Gallian 3-0-6-0.

Bonus points: Lancashire 6 Leicestershire 5

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White

Middlesex v Durham

LORD'S (third day of four): Durham need 374 runs in their second innings to beat Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 191 (M W Gatting 74; M J Foster 4 for 21)

Second Innings

P N Weekes c Scott b Foster	73
J C Pooley c Campbell b Brown	23
M R Ramprakash b Foster	9
*M W Gatting b Betts	171
R A Fay run out	18
J D Carr lbw b Collingwood	23
†K R Brown lbw b Betts	1
R L Johnson c Daley b Betts	35
A R C Fraser lbw b Brown	2
P C R Tufnell c Scott b Betts	11
D Follett not out	5
Extras (b 6, lb 7, w 3, nb 4)	20
Total	391

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-52, 3-153, 4-229, 5-296, 6-297, 7-365, 8-374, 9-374.

BOWLING: Brown 42-8-115-2; Betts 28.1-5-101-4; Foster 30-5-117-2, Boiling 11-3-23-0, Collingwood 10-1-22-1.

DURHAM: First Innings 209 (C W Scott 59)

Bonus points: Middlesex 4 Durham 5

Umpires: A Clarkson and J H Harris.

Northamptonshire v Glamorgan

NORTHAMPTON (third day of four): Northamptonshire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 122 runs ahead of Glamorgan

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 451 for 6 dec (R J Warren 201 not out, D J Capel 83, A Fordham 52, R R Montgomerie 51)

Second Innings

R R Montgomerie not out	12
A Fordham not out	8
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (no wkt)	22

BOWLING: Watkin 5-2-8-0; Thomas 2-0-7-0; Croft 3-2-4-0; Kendrick 1-0-1-0

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c Warren b Penberthy	76
H Morris b Capel	20
A Dale b Curran	5
*M P Maynard c Ripley b Taylor	52
P A Cottey lbw b Capel	48
G P Butcher b Emburey	89
R D B Croft c Ripley b Emburey	25
N M Kendrick not out	16
S D Thomas not out	2
Extras (lb 4, w 4, nb 10)	18
Total (7 wkts dec, 108.2 overs)	351

†C P Metson and S L Watkin did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-150, 3-179, 4-264, 5-321, 6-347.

BOWLING: Taylor 15-4-46-1; Curran 20-5-77-1, Capel 20.2-4-74-2; Emburey 29-5-76-2; Penberthy 17-1-59-1; Bailey 5-2-15-0.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 7 Glamorgan 6

Umpires: G I Burgess and M J Kitchen.

Surrey v Kent

THE OVAL (third day of four): Kent, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 106 runs ahead of Surrey

KENT: First Innings 225 (M A Ealham 51).

Second Innings

D P Fulton c Kersey b Julian	59
M V Fleming c Julian b Lewis	56
T R Ward c Lewis b M P Bicknell	14
C L Hooper c Thorpe b Pearson	23
G R Cowdrey not out	41
M A Ealham c Stewart b Pearson	0
*†S A Marsh lbw b Lewis	26
J B D Thompson not out	7
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 2, nb 6)	15
Total (6 wkts)	241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-115, 3-161, 4-161, 5-161, 6-230

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 18-4-57-1; Lewis 11-1-41-2; Julian 13-4-49-1; Hollioake 4-0-16-0; Pearson 27-8-71-2

SURREY: First Innings 360 (M A Butcher 94, B P Julian 74, C C Lewis 61; J B D Thompson 5 for 72)

Bonus points: Surrey 8 Kent 5.

Umpires: K J Lyons and B J Meyer

Sussex v Warwickshire

HOVE (third day of four): Sussex, with four second-innings wickets in hand, need 236 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 645 for 7 dec (D A Reeve 168 not out, T L Penney 134, N V Knight 132, D P Ostler 90)

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey c Ostler b Welch	6
J W Hall c Ostler b Reeve	3
M P Speight c Reeve b Pollock	11
*A P Wells lbw b Reeve	8
N J Lenham c Piper b Giles	41
D R C Law c Penney b Pollock	53
†P Moores c Reeve b Giles	39
V C Drakes c Reeve b Welch	21
N C Phillips not out	6
P W Jarvis c Knight b Welch	5
E S H Giddins c Pollock b Welch	0
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 1, nb 22)	29
Total (84.3 overs)	222

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-17, 3-26, 4-62, 5-111, 6-151, 7-207, 8-211, 9-216.

BOWLING: Pollock 20-5-56-2; Reeve 7-2-7-2, Smith 11-3-31-0, Welch 16.3-4-50-4, Giles 21-10-40-2; Brown 9-1-32-0.

Second Innings

C W J Athey c Piper b Brown	14
J W Hall b Pollock	57
M P Speight lbw b Giles	13
*A P Wells lbw b Giles	51
N J Lenham c and b Giles	13
D R C Law c Khan b Brown	18
†P Moores not out	6
V C Drakes not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 6)	11
Total (6 wkts)	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-68, 3-93, 4-152, 5-167, 6-181.

BOWLING: Pollock 19-3-45-1, Reeve 4-2-8-0; Brown 17-5-46-2; Welch 6-2-23-0; Giles 29-13-49-3; Smith 6-1-11-0

Bonus points: Sussex 2 Warwickshire 8.

Umpires: J W Holder and V A Holder

Yorkshire v Derbyshire

SHEFFIELD (third day of four): Derbyshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 175 runs behind Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 561 (M G Bevan 136, A McGrath 91, D Byas 79, C White 61, M D Moxon 59; D E Malcolm 4 for 109).

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

K J Barnett c Moxon b Silverwood	11
A S Rollins c Byas b Silverwood	20
C J Adams c Bevan b Gough	37
*D M Jones not out	204
J E Owen b White	101
C M Wells not out	0
Extras (lb 5, nb 8)	13
Total (4 wkts, 94.5 overs)	386

†K M Krikken, D G Cork, M J Vandrau, P Aldred and D E Malcolm to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-38, 3-108, 4-386.

BOWLING: Gough 22-2-79-1; Hartley 17-3-78-0; Silverwood 25-5-97-2; Stemp 15-3-50-0; White 10.5-2-49-1; Vaughan 5-1-28-0.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 5 Derbyshire 7.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Plews

University match (one day)

Oxford v Cambridge

THE PARKS (Cambridge University won toss): Cambridge University beat Oxford University by 103 runs

CAMBRIDGE

R T Ragnauth c Batty b Ridley	58
E T Smith c Batty b Du Preez	18
A Singh c Mather b Malik	108
*R Q Cake st Batty b Ridley	74
W J House b Ridley	28
R O Jones c Mather b Ridley	11
A R Whittall not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 12)	23
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	321

†D R H Churton, N J Haste, G R Moffat and A N Janisch did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-170, 3-220, 4-295, 5-320, 6-321.

BOWLING: Du Preez 7-0-39-1; Thomson 9-1-52-0; Wagh 10-0-55-0; Mather 5-0-36-0; Ridley 10-0-68-4; Malik 9-0-60-1

OXFORD

*C M Gupte lbw b Jones	47
I J Sutcliffe c Moffat b Janisch	13
A C Ridley c Janisch b Jones	16
G A Khan c Ragnauth b Moffat	22
M A Wagh c Moffat b Janisch	24
H S Malik c Cake b Moffat	2
M E D Jarrett c Moffat b Janisch	36
†J N Batty c Moffat b Whittall	28
R B Thomson b Haste	1
S du Preez not out	3
D P Mather st Churton b Whittall	0
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 16)	26
Total (42.5 overs)	218

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-90, 3-119, 4-122, 5-129, 6-167, 7-203, 8-215, 9-217.

BOWLING: Haste 5-0-29-1; Janisch 10-0-60-3; Whittall 7.5-32-2, Moffat 10-0-46-2; Jones 10-0-45-2.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B Dudleston.

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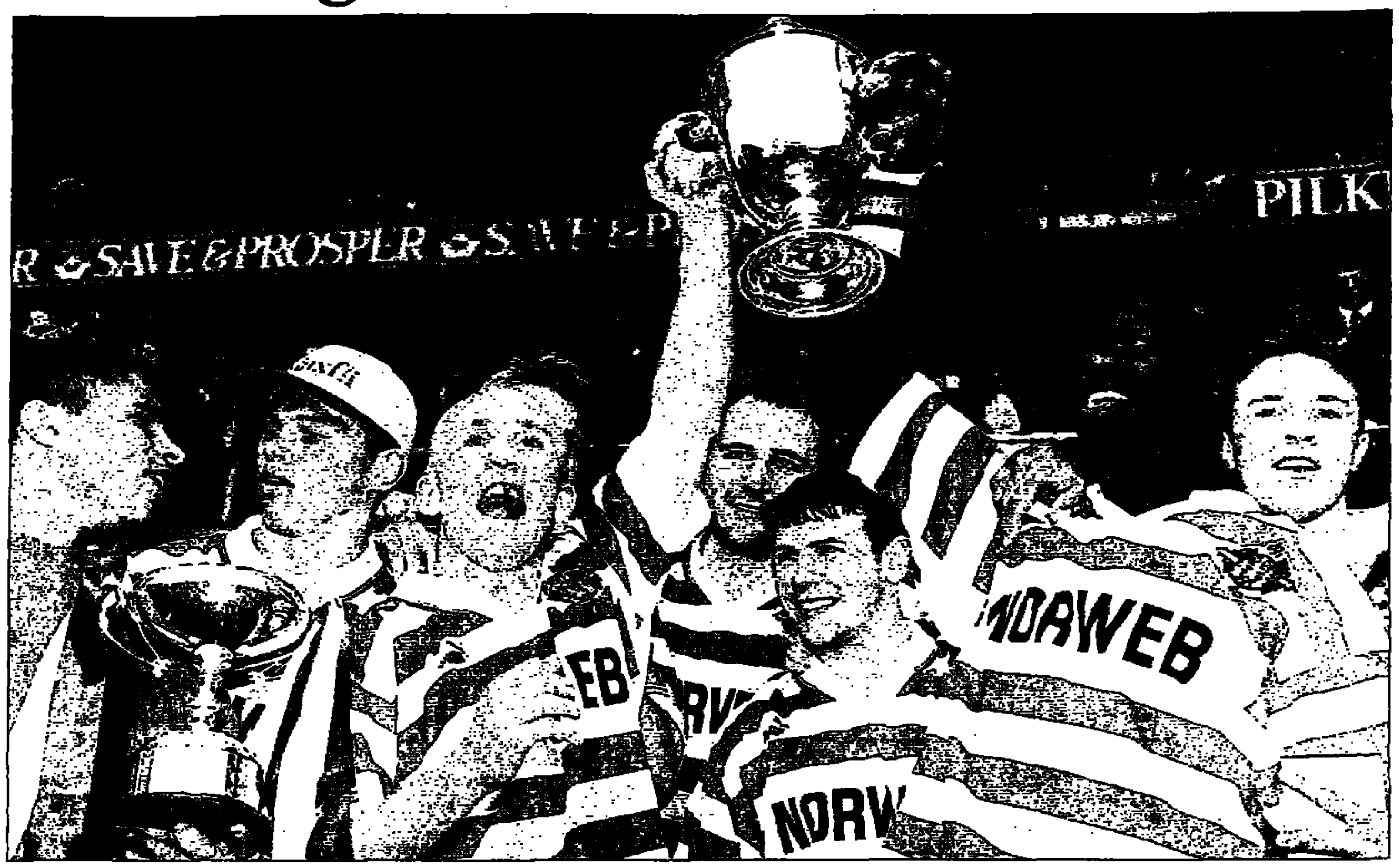
Rugby league's master craftsmen expose inferior standards of rival code

Ruthless Wigan storm union citadel

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT



Edwards, centre, the Wigan captain, and Offiah hold aloft in triumph the Russell Cargill Trophy at Twickenham. Photograph: David Davies

THERE was a mischievous gleam in Maurice Lindsay's eye when he suggested that, as the holders of the Middlesex seven-a-side competition receive an automatic invitation, perhaps, next year, the organisers might like to find room for a second rugby league club when they stage the finals of rugby union's end-of-season try binge at Twickenham.

Shaun Edwards, who captained Wigan as they stormed rugby union's Bastille on Saturday, took up the theme. "Remember," he said, "we are not even the best club in the league. That must be St Helens." Whatever Wigan's standing in their code may be, it was far too much for several of union's classic names — Harlequins, Leicester and, in the final, Wasps.

All of which was to be expected. Wigan paid Middlesex the compliment of fielding their very best, which is far more than the leading rugby union clubs did. By doing so, they showed in all its naked truth the standards of fitness, pace and skill to which union's young guns must aspire — the exposure of such youngsters as Peter Scrivener, Andy Gomarsall and Nick Greenstock, of Wasps — well-regarded in their own code — to those standards can only benefit union.

Lawrence Dallaglio, the only present England international on view, believes that a year of professional rugby union will create a difference when Wigan return to defend the Russell Cargill Trophy — as Lindsay, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, agreed they should. Dallaglio had reason to be proud of his team, who went into a 15-0 lead in the final before tumbling 38-15, but he may be over-optimistic.

"I think, a year into professionalism, there will be a much closer result if not a reversal of the result," he said. "They struggled in a number of areas, they let go of the ball on the floor too early but, in sevens, there is time and space, and Wigan would have been embarrassed if they had not won."

The truth of this last week, though, as Joe Lydon, the Wigan assistant coach, suggested, is that Wigan have achieved a public relations coup for their code. They have made all the right noises at a time when the Rugby Football Union is embattled on all fronts, and Lindsay could say, with some feeling: "Think of all the bitterness of 100 years which has been swept away in one, but it helps to have a mature relationship. I am pleased for both our codes."

In addition, Wigan have outclassed Bath, the best club side that the English rugby union game can offer albeit playing an unfamiliar game with inadequate preparation, and they have shown at Twickenham all the qualities that union, with its restless search for bigger and bigger players, has been in danger of forgetting.

There is no substitute for pace and possession, and Wigan had them in abundance. "We wanted to show our sport in a good light and we were at full bore all through," Edwards said. No man is prouder of his league roots, even if he did stray as a youngster to play centre for the England 16 Group schools union side. "We wanted to show we have some fantastic athletes playing league and we believe we have shown that," he said.

The example set by Andy Farrell, the goal-kicking loose forward, should be printed on Scrivener's mind and the Twickenham crowd of some 55,000 did not even see the best of Henry Paul, the New Zealand stand-off half. He damaged ankle ligaments which may keep him out of both of Wigan's Super League games this week, with Halifax tomorrow and Workington at the weekend, though not the return fixture with Bath, under union laws, on May 25.

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It took Martin Offiah, a semi-finalist in 1986 and a finalist in 1987 with Rosslyn Park, 64 seconds to remind union followers what they have been missing when he scorched over against Richmond in Wigan's opening match of the tournament. That was the first of 25 Wigan tries in four matches, Offiah collecting six despite a jarred knee that kept him out of the semi-final.

Yet Wigan could afford to be, and were, generous about their opponents and the welcome that they received on and off the field. They enjoyed their reception, they enjoyed a crowd that erupted whenever a try was scored against them, and they appreciated the demands made on them by Wasps and, in particular, Harlequins, who went 12-0 up with long-range tries before Paul exposed them.

The rest, in comparison, was mediocre fare. Malaysia, who will introduce sevens to the Commonwealth Games in two years' time, received a warm welcome and Orrell fought hard for a place in the final against their near-neighbours before going down to a well-knit Wasps team. Well-knit, that is, until Wigan unravelled them. Still, as Dallaglio said, they have been part of history.

SCORERS: Wigan: Tries: Offiah (2), Tuigamala, Connolly, Robinson, Edwards. Conversions: Farrell (3), Connolly. Wasps: Tries: White, Gomarsall, Scrivener.
WIGAN: M Offiah, G Connolly, J Robinson, S Edwards, V Tuigamala, A Farrell, S Quinnell. Quinnell replaced by J Radlinski (6min), Offiah replaced by R Smyth (16).
WASPS: S Roiser, N Greenstock, A Thompson, A Gomarsall, L Dallaglio, M White, P Scrivener. Thompson replaced by A James (8); Roiser replaced by L Scrase (16).
Referee: D Sainsbury (London)

Brewster's solo bid bedevilled by power problems

By Edward Gorman
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SAMANTHA BREWSTER, who is attempting to sail solo round the world, may have to sleep with her boat drifting hove-to at night and then spend all day hand-steering if she is to complete her circumnavigation without running out of fuel.

Brewster, who is expected to round the Cape of Good Hope today, has been trying to cope with a problem with the batteries on her 67ft cutter, *Heath Insured*, for much of the time since she restarted from the Brazilian port of Santos on January 3.

Ken Pearson, a member of her shore team based in Southampton, said yesterday that he believed that Brewster still had at least 70 days left at sea, but fuel enough to last her only around 55 days. However, he said that she was showing no signs of wanting to give up. "She's not in any mood to stop at all," he said, adding that she was sailing into 35-knot headwinds on a reasonably manageable sea.

Brewster's problems have been exacerbated by a new ruling by the World Sailing Speed Record Council that, in order to qualify for an official circumnavigation — she would be the first woman to sail non-stop and single-handedly westabout — she must sail as far north almost as Cape Finisterre before turning back towards Brazil.

The battery problem, that started just after she rounded Cape Horn, has been traced to two of the six cells that are not charging properly. Brewster relies on battery power to run her self-steering system and navigation lights at night. In order to keep the remaining four cells charged, she has had to run the boat's generator for one hour in every five, which has rapidly eaten up her fuel supplies.

Brewster has been hand-steering the yacht for between 12 and 14 hours each day for some weeks, but, with two trips across the Doldrums still to come and the remaining cells showing signs of deterioration, she may have to abandon the autopilot at night.

The voyage, which was orginally aimed at breaking Mike Golding's record of 161 days, set in 1994, has turned into a grim slog for Brewster. After coming to terms with abandoning her first start, when involuntary gybes in mid-Atlantic caused gear problems that required repairs in Brazil, she has since struggled with damage to the sails and rig while sailing well off the pace to match Golding.

As she approached Australia, another involuntary gybe ripped the mainsail and damaged the mainsheet track. It took her more than 48 hours to change the huge sail, which weighs around a quarter of a ton, and she almost gave up at that point.

At present, she has no staysail because the sail itself is torn and the halyard is jammed. She also has no long-range radio or satellite telephone and is communicating with Southampton by telex.

Crash robs McRae of chance to take overall title lead

By Our Sports Staff

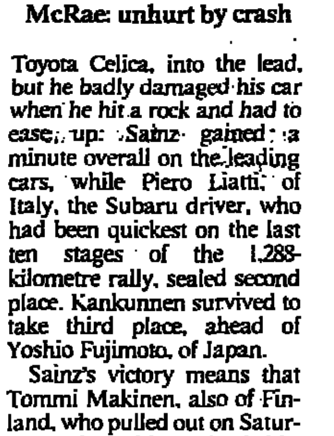
COLIN McRAE, the world rally champion, crashed out of the rain-soaked Rally of Indonesia in spectacular style yesterday, rolling his Subaru several times in a high-speed accident. McRae and Derek Ringer, his co-driver, crawled from the wreck unhurt. The crash robbed McRae, who started the day in the lead, of seizing overall lead in the world title race.

Carlos Sainz, of Spain, was named provisional winner, pending a late hearing by officials after allegations that he had received outside servicing assistance, where only a tyre change was allowed under the rules.

Organisers said that McRae's accident had been caused by an intercom failure. McRae, of Scotland, the leader on the first two days of the three-day event, was unable to hear instructions from Ringer and approached a corner too fast.

"It just goes to show you that, even with a lead of over three minutes, the conditions here are so treacherous that anything can happen," Ringer said.

The crash had put Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, in a Toyota Celica, into the lead, but he badly damaged his car when he hit a rock and had to ease up. Sainz gained a minute overall on the leading cars, while Piero Liatti, of Italy, the Subaru driver, who had been quickest on the last ten stages of the 1,288-kilometre rally, sealed second place. Kankkunen survived to take third place, ahead of Yoshio Fujimoto, of Japan.



McRae: unhurt by crash

Sainz's victory means that Tommi Makinen, also of Finland, who pulled out on Saturday when his Mitsubishi's radiator burst, retains overall lead in the race for the world championship with 40 points. Sainz is on 35 points and McRae on 22.

"The situation as far as championship points is concerned is the same as before Indonesia and now the fight will continue in Greece," Makinen said. Sainz, who survived two accidents and gearbox problems, said: "It was my first time in Indonesia and this rally was one of the most difficult of my career. I am suprised to have won, especially after the first day."

The rally is widely regarded as one of the toughest of all because of the fierce heat, rain and slippery road surfaces.

Hawick strike blow for old-fashioned virtues

Mark Souster sees a small-town club enjoy a cup triumph at Murrayfield

At the end of the inaugural Tennents Cup final, held amid an atmosphere that provided a memorable conclusion to the domestic rugby union season in Scotland, one of the assembled army of Hawick supporters leant over the perimeter fencing at Murrayfield, watched the jubilant players file past and said to nobody in particular: "That's what you get when you play for your town. It's all about pride."

How right he was. Hawick had just beaten Watsonians 17-15 and, after a season of upheaval with the game heading into a supposedly brighter new world, his team had struck a blow for the old virtues of tradition, team spirit and loyalty. While others see money as the answer, Hawick, only partly through circumstance, rely largely on the fact that every member of the side is home-bred. In time, commercial pressures may change all that, but, for now, it has created a bond that ultimately proved the difference on Saturday and ensured that Hawick refused to fold even after Watsonians' withering early assault, that gave them a 15-0 lead in virtually as many minutes.

Hawick's rapport with their supporters is also special. Almost a quarter of the town's population of 16,000 travelled up from the Borders and made their presence felt in the crowd of 22,709, a record for a Scottish club game. Among them was Hawick's version of the Dax band, which, perched high in the West Stand, led the rally off the field while Brian Renwick, the captain, and Scott Welsh, after a nervous nervy beginning, belatedly kick-started the recovery on it. Fergus Henderson, the Watsonians captain, acknowledged, after the game, that his side had been undone by band aid.

"I don't know whether it is them coming from a close-knit community, but their crowd certainly out-shouted ours," Henderson said. "When they scored their first try, the band started to play and I told the boys: 'I don't want to hear that again' — but every time the ball went up in the air, all you could hear was them playing and the Hawick crowd shouting. It was a desperately disappointing day."

Henderson and his Watsonians will wonder how they lost this match. Their brand of 15-man rugby created tries for the superb Scott Hastings and Duncan Hodge early in the first half and the patterns that they wove threatened to cut Hawick to ribbons; the pack provided a stream of possession that Hodge, who had opened the scoring with a penalty, used astutely — and in the early stages, in contrast, Hawick looked awkward and out of place. Welsh was out of sorts with his kicking and distribution, while the players around him repeatedly lost possession or contrived to throw away good attacking positions.

Hastings: outstanding

Yet Hawick gradually reasserted themselves. Against the run of play, they scored a try after half an hour through Imray, the lock forward, although the pass from Stanger to Renwick that set up the score looked suspiciously forward. It gave Hawick breathing space and self-confidence, although, as much as they dominated the third quarter, they could not dent Watsonians' defensive line. Not, that is until, 15 minutes from time, when Turnbull, the full back, repeated his scoring feat against Melrose. Welsh converted and suddenly the momentum had passed to Hawick.

Roared on by the faithful, they surged forward. Six minutes from time, Watsonians were penalised for handling on the floor, but, instead of opting to kick at goal to level the scores, Hawick gambled and ran. Such bravado was rewarded when Welsh put his earlier misdemeanours behind him by twisting over in the corner.

Now trailing by two points, Watsonians produced one last drive and won a scrum 30 metres out: but, with Hodge poised to drop for goal, Jim Hay took one against the head and the celebrations began.

SCORERS: Watsonians: Tries: Hastings, Hodge. Conversion: Hodge. Penalty goal: Hodge. Hawick: Tries: Imray, Turnbull. Welsh. Conversion: Welsh
WATSONIANS: D Lee, F Henderson, S Hastings, A Garry, J Kerr, D Hodge, J Weston, T Smith, G McKelvey, J Waddell, G Hannah, S Grimes, C Mather, I Sinclair, C Brown
HAWICK: C Turnbull, G Sharp, A Stanger, C Murray, K Suddon, S Welsh, K Reid, B McDonnell, J Hay, A Johnstone, J Graham, A Imray, I Elliot, G Harris, B Renwick.
Referee: J Fleming

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Grafton's final flourish

THE Cowdray Park polo club's six-goal Jersey Lilies Cup was won over four chukkas at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday, by Grafton, the team put together by the Alun-Jones brothers, Nick and Jeremy, with a 6-5 win against Ricardo Pavoncelli's La Traviata, the previous holders of the trophy, (John Watson writes).

La Traviata fielded a strong, mutually-supporting pair at their centre, William Roberts and Roddy Vere Nicoll, his No 2, but the well-co-ordinated attacks of those two were too often frustrated by the veteran Paul Withers, Grafton's back, famous for his mighty back-handers but now reduced to a 3-handicap. The play of the Alun-Jones brothers has also shown a great improvement since the start of this tournament.

By the end of the third chukka, the well-balanced Grafton combination were 6-2 up. In the last, the ubiquitous Roberts was largely responsible for the three Traviata goals that reduced Grafton's victory in this first low-goal final of the season to only one.

GRAFTON: 1, N Alun-Jones (0), 2, R Hissom (2), 3, J Alun-Jones (1), back, P Withers (3)

LA TRAVIATA: 1, D Taylor (0), 2, R Vere Nicoll (2), 3, W Roberts (3), back, R Pavoncelli (1)

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Lingfield Park

Going: good to firm (firm in back straight)

2.15 (6f) 1, Prima Silk (T Ives, 7-1), 2, How's Yer Father (12-1), 3, Denbrae (11-2). So Intrepid 5-1 fav 14 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. M Ryan Tote £7 50; £2 00, £3 00, £2.40 DF: £40 10 Trio. £68.90 CSF: £83 75 Tricast £461 30.

2.45 (7f) 1, Apollo Red (Mrs J Moore 7-1), 2, Bubble Wings (8-1), 3, Superior Force (16-1), 4, Stolen Melody (16-1) Persian Affair 9-2 fav 16 ran 1½l, ¾l A Moore Tote £7 70; £1.90 £2 10, £4 80, £3 70 DF: £31 30 Trio £529 00 CSF: £61 80 Tricast £840.37

3.15 (7f) 1, Isla Del Rey (L Dettori 15-8 fav), 2, Carranita (7-2), 3, Christmas Kiss (25-1) 6 ran ½l, 2½l Saeed bin Suroor Tote £2.30: £1 50, £1 70 DF: £3.50 CSF £7 92.

3 45 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Mystic Knight (L Dettori 4-1), 2, Heron Island (9-4 jt-fav); 3 Zaforum (32-1) 6 ran 1¼l, 1¼l R Charlton Tote £4 60; £1 90, £1 40 DF £5 60, CSF £12 50

4.15 (1m 3f 106yd) 1, Lady Carla (Pat Eddery, 4-11 fav. Thunderer's nap and Newmarket Correspondent's nap), 2, Flamo Valley (15-2); 3, Moody's Cat (5-1) 4 ran NR: Promissory 3½l, 1¼l H Cecil Tote £1 40 DF £3 30 CSF £3 58

4.45 (7f) 1, Neuwest (J Stack, 14-1), 2, Mister Fire Eyes (8-1); 3, Wild Rice (4-1) Mutamanni 7-2 fav 10 ran NR: Be Warned. 1½l, ¾l N Walker Tote £21.30; £3 30, £2.10, £1 90 DF £27 30 Trio £51.50 CSF £113.29. Tricast £506.29

5.15 (1m 2f) 1 Wot No Fax (W Ryan, 50-1); 2, Sadler's Realm (11-1), 3 Spartan Heartbeat (4-1) 12 ran ½l sh hd S Dow Tote £31.30; £5.20, £2 80 £1 60 DF £116 70 Trio £502.20 CSF £447 85

Jackpot: £43,405.10.

Placepot: £208.40. Quadpot: £30.00.

Bath

2.10 1, Roses In The Snow (6-4 jt-fav), 2, Silver Showers (6-4 jt-fav); 3, Lady Bankes (12-1) 10 ran

2.40 1 Petite Danseuse (9-1); 2, Enchantica (6-5 fav) 3 What Happened Was (6-1) 9 ran.

3.10 1, Coleridge (16-1), 2, Lalindi (8-1); 3, Courbaril (9-1) The Lad 15-8 fav 14 ran

3.40 1 To The Roof (100-30 fav), 2, Tart And A Half (25-1), 3, Ann's Pearl (10-1). 12 ran

4.10 1, Royal Scimitar (8-11 fav), 2, Charter (2-1), 3, High Shot (5-1) 3 ran NR: Commoner

4.40 1 Bardon Hill Boy (10-1), 2, Zermatt (10-1), 3, Easy Listening (2-1 fav) 9 ran

Beverley

2.25 1, Poly My Son (7-2 fav), 2, Irish Oasis (20-1), 3 How Could-I (10-1) 14 ran

2.55 1, Smarter Charter (7-1) 2, Ivor's Deed (13-2); 3, Mofiors (8-1), 4, Camionneur (16-1) Silverdale Knight 4-1 fav, 16 ran.

3.25 1, Coureur (12-1), 2, Bollin Frank (7-1); 3, Tertium (10-1), 4, Gymcrak Flyer (11-2 jt-fav) Percy Braithwaite 11-2 jt-fav 16 ran. NR: Safio

3.55 1, Royal Expression (9-1), 2, Izza (11-4 fav), 3, Hullbank (12-1) 13 ran NR: Tancred Mischief.

4.25 1, General Macarthur (10-11 fav); 2 Classic Flyer (5-1), 3, Madame Steinlen (2-1) 4 ran.

4.55 1, Domba (7-1), 2 Daring Clover (11-10 fav), 3, Hanbitooh (9-1) 9 ran

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Just Loui (12-1); 2, Castle Ashby Jack (9-4 fav); 3, Catchou (6-1) 8 ran

7.30 1, Sweet Supposin (5-4 fav), 2, David James' Girl (13-2), 3, Sandmoor Denim (9-2) 10 ran NR Orange Extreme

8 00 1, Well Arranged (9-2), 2, Hilzah (10-3 fav), 3 Backview (4-1) 7 ran

8 30 1 Vax New Way (6-1), 2, Jon's Choice (11-2), 3, Wardara (2-1 fav), 8 ran

9.00 1, C-Harry (2-1 fav); 2, Don't Forget Shoka (4-1); 3, Tazio Nuvolari (7-2) 5 ran.

9.30 1, Northern Fan (100-30), 2, Sporting Risk (14-1), 3, Young Benson (15-8 fav) 10 ran NR: Chadleigh Lane

Warwick

5.40 1, Secretary Of State (9-4 jt-fav), 2, Barney's Gift (7-2); 3, Dodgy Dancer (12-1) Will James 9-4 jt-fav 5 ran

6.10 1, Loweswatha (8-1), 2, Fierce (5-4 jt-fav), 3, Indian Run (5-4 jt-fav). 4 ran

6.40 1, Royal Circus (3-1 jt-fav) 2, Mr Genealogy (13-2), 3, Most Equal (3-1 jt-fav) 7 ran

7.10 1, Tipping The Line (7-1); 2, Tim (7-4), 3, Blazing Dove (10-1) Governor Daniel 6-4 fav. 7 ran NR: Greenhill Patchwork.

7.40 1, Straight Talk (11-4), 2, James Pigg (6-4 fav) 3, Far Sonsor (50-1) 5 ran.

8.10 1, Professor Longhair (5-1); 2, Ecrescendo (5-1), 3, Darren's Treasure (20-1) Loyal Gait 9-4 fav 6 ran

8.40 1, Kailash (7-2 fav) 2 Tullow Lady (9-2), 3, Lumo (11-2) 11 ran

Worcester

11.45 1, Mim-Lou-And (3-1), 2, Cyrus The Great (5-1), 3 Kiscab (5-4 fav) 12 ran

12.15 1, Plunder Bay (5-4 fav), 2, Dino Malta (11-4), 3, Music Score (33-1) 11 ran NR Flaming Sands.

12.45 1, Pridewood Picker (11-2), 2 Scorchlight (50-1); 3 Northern Trial (10-1) Emerald Ruler 4-1 fav 11 ran

1 15 1, Belafonte (14-1), 2, Father Dowling (5-2 fav) 3 Petty Bridge (16-1) 11 ran

1.45 1, Newton Point (2-1 fav), 2 Fools Like Gold (5-1), 3 Lead Vocalist (6-1) 12 ran

2.20 1, Factor Ten (14-1), 2, Lemon's Mill (8-13 fav); 3, Fombridge (5-1) 12 ran NR Firmey Truth

2.50 1 Regal Gem (50-1), 2, Sparkling Buck (11-2); 3, Royal Ruler (4-1 fav) 21 ran. NR: Moor Hall Lady

POINT-TO-POINT

BILSDALE (Easingwold) Members: 1, Hellcatmudwrestler (Miss T Gray, 1-2 fav) 4 ran Confined: 1, Pure Madness (R Edwards, 3-1 jt-fav) 10 ran Open: 1, Park Drift (R Tate, 1-2 fav) 6 ran. Rest: 1, Cumberland Blues (Miss A Deniel) 3 ran Ladies: 1, Cheeky Pot (Mrs S Grant, 7-1) 6 ran Open mdn: 1, Hungry Jack (P Atkinson, 6-4 fav) 10 ran.

CUMBERLAND (Aspatria) Members: 1, Givower (P Diggle, Evens fav) 4 ran Rest: 1, Funny Feelings (Miss D Laidlaw, 10-1) 8 ran Ladies: 1, Out The Door (Miss S Baxter, 4-5 fav) 7 ran Open: 1, Secret Sceptre (A Parker, 1-4 fav). 3 ran Confined: 1, Loughlinstown Boy (P Craggs, 5-4 fav) 6 ran. Open mdn: 1, Beccy Brown (J Walton, 20-1) 16 ran

GOLDEN VALLEY (Bredwardine) Members: 1, All Greek To Me (W Bryan, 5-4) 3 ran Confined: 1, Celtic Abbey (D S Jones, 4-6 fav) 12 ran Open: 1, Ustary Lad (D S Jones, 4-1) 8 ran Ladies: 1, Bankhead (Miss C Spearing, 11-8) 12 ran Rest I: 1, Stepasideboy (A Crow, 5-1) 14 ran Rest II: 1, Dara's Course (A Phillips, 20-1) 13 ran Open mdn I: 1, Mariner's Walk (H Wheeler, 10-1) 15 ran Open mdn II: 1, Micksdilemma (A Phillips, 5-1) 17 ran Open mdn III: 1, Derring Ann (D S Jones, 5-1), 15 ran.

LLANDEILO (Erw Lon) Members: 1, Barnaby Boy (J P Keen, 1-2 fav) 4 ran Confined: 1, Northern Bluff (J Jukes, 1-3 fav) 4 ran Open: 1, Moving Force (J Jukes, 4-5 fav). 4 ran Ladies: 1, Kumada (Miss S Wallin, 7-2) 4 ran Rest: 1, Dustys Trail (R Thornton, 7-4 fav) 6 ran PPORA: 1, Warren Boy (J Jukes, 4-6 fav) 2 ran Open mdn. 1, Sister Lark (P Williams, 6-4 fav) 10 ran

MINEHEAD & WEST SOMERSET (Holnicote) Members: 1, Tuffnut Tom (R Payne, 2-1 jt-fav) 5 ran Open mdn I: 1, Springcombe (Miss S Eames, 7-1), 8 ran Open mdn II: 1, Ardell Boy (Miss P Gundry, 5-2) 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Fosbury (Miss P Curling, 1-2 fav). 4 ran. Rest: 1, Fellow Sioux (I Dowrick, 5-1) 10 ran Open: 1, Pintail Bay (Maj G Wheeler, 3-1) 5 ran Confined: 1, Tangle Baron (M Felton, 7-1). 8 ran

VALE OF AYLESBURY (Kingston Blount) Confined: 1, Cawkwell Dean (R Sweeting, 4-5 fav). 7 ran Rest: 1, Elite Governor (B Hodkin, 7-4 fav) 10 ran Ladies: 1, Spemn Vlow (Mrs K Sunderland, 7-4) 7 ran Open: 1, Valibus (P Scouller, 8-13 fav). 3 ran. Open mdn: 1, Sybillabee (D Dennis, 2-1 fav), 13 ran Members: 1, Radical Views (A Hill, 7-4). 5 ran.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER
2.30 Bollero. 3.00 Desert Invader. 3.30 Swordking. 4.00 Jalmaid. 4.30 Run Lucy Run. 5.00 Mazilla.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.30 SWEDEN MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,857: 5f) (11 runners)

No	Form	Horse, trainer, weight	Jockey
1		IMPERIAL GARDEN P Haslam 8-6	J Fortune 2
2		CAPTAIN PICARD D O'Brien 8-5	G Bardwell 9
3		FIT FOR THE JOB W G M Turner 8-5	A Clark 5
4		RONS REVENGE M Ryan 8-4	M Baird (5) 1
5	2	BOLLERO 10 J Berry 8-3	G Carter 8
6	0	MISS BARCELONA 10 M Polglase 8-2	N Carlisle 4
7	4336	MOLLY MUSIC 13 G Margarson 8-1	D Biggs 11
8		NAMPARA BAY G Bravery 8-1	D R McCabe (3) 10
9		JUST VISITING J Wilson 8-0	M Henry (5) 3
10		WEDDING MUSIC P Haslam 7-12	P Fessey (5) 6
11	6	WHIZZ KID 20 J Bridger 7-12	Darren Moffatt (3) 7

7-4 Bollero, 7-1 Fit For The Job, Rons Revenge, 8-1 Captain Picard, Imperial Garden, Nampara Bay, 10-1 others.

3.00 SPAIN CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,381, 7f) (10)

No	Form	Horse, trainer, weight	Jockey
1	1105	DANCING SIOUX 38 (CD,G) R Guest 4-9-13	F Lynch (5) 10
2	0103	AWESOME VENTURE 4 (C,D,G,S) M Chapman 6-9-11	D R McCabe (3) 6
3	0125	PALACEGATE TOUCH 3 (B,D,BF,G,S) J Berry 6-9-11	G Carter 9
4	2030	DESERT INVADER 4 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 5-9-7	J Fortune 5
5	1142	ELTON LEDGER 4 (V,CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-7	J Tate 4
6	2444	MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 11 (CD,F,G) Miss S Wilson 6-9-5	M Tebbutt 3
7	00-6	UNDAWATERSCUBADIVA 19 M Bielby 4-9-5	L Newton (5) 7
8	4000	JUSTINIANUS 4 (D,G,S) J Bridger 4-9-1	M Baird (5) 8
9	2002	SEA DEVIL 4 (C,D,F,G,S) M Camacho 10-9-1	L Charnock 2
10	000-	MAMNOON 10J W Clay 5-8-13	N Carlisle 1

7-2 Awesome Venture, 4-1 Palacegate Touch, 9-2 Elton Ledger, 5-1 Dancing Sioux, 7-1 Desert Invader, Sea Devil, 8-1 Mustn't Grumble, 10-1 others.

3.30 ITALY HANDICAP
(£2,381: 2m) (12)

No	Form	Horse, trainer, weight	Jockey
1	5003	BRAVE SPY 14 (G) C Cyzer 5-9-10	G Duffield 11
2	4104	CROSS TALK 14 (F,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-7	D Griffiths (5) 4
3	0-40	BELLA SEDONA 21 (BF) Lady Herries 4-9-3	A Clark 5
4	00-0	JOVIE KING 14 P Mitchell 4-9-0	C Rutter 8
5	0106	CAPTAIN MARMALADE 11 (C,D,G) D Thom 7-8-13	J Tate 3
6	5100	SELMESTON 31 (CD,G) P Felgate 4-8-9	D Wright (3) 7
7	0/50	TIAPHENA 20 J Mackie 5-8-7	G Carter 2
8	1040	RECORD LOVER 4 (CD,G) M Chapman 6-8-6	D R McCabe (3) 9
9	3322	SWORDKING 30 (V,BF,F,G,S) J L Harris 7-8-5	J Quinn 10
10	2000	TOP PRIZE 3 (V,CD,F,G) M Brittain 8-7-10	G Bardwell 6
11	000/	LADY RISK ME 1300J D Thom 7-7-10	N Carlisle 12
12	0/0-	DISPOL DANCER 3 Mrs V Aconley 5-7-10	M Deering 1

11-4 Bella Sedona, 9-2 Brave Spy, 6-1 Cross Talk, 8-1 Swordking, Captain Marmalade, Selmeston 10-1 Tiaphena, 12-1 others.

4.00 FRANCE FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,179: 1m) (11)

No	Form	Horse, trainer, weight	Jockey
1	36-0	PRUDENT PRINCESS 19 A Hide 4-9-10	Martin Dwyer (7) 3
2	6311	LADY DIGNITY 51 (D,G) P Makin 3-9-5	S Sanders 8
3	4402	NOBLE CANONIRE 16 (C,G) S Bowring 4-9-5	C Teague (5) 7
4	0200	JALMAID 41 (CD,G) B McMahon 4-9-5	G Carter 6
5	1265	DISTINCT BEAUTY 21 (V,G) W O'Gorman 3-9-4	Emma O'Gorman 5
6	200-	TOFFEE 230 J Fanshawe 3-9-1	D Harrison 9
7	055-	PATRIO 184 S Williams 3-8-11	M Henry (5) 11
8	5-02	GREY GALAVA 14 B Hills 3-8-11	J F Egan 2
9	63-6	SKELTON COUNTESS 13 R Hollinshead 3-8-10	F Lynch (5) 10
10	-350	BALLARD LADY 11 (D,BF,S) J Wainwright 4-8-3	J Quinn 1
11	0-00	HADADABBLE 8 Pat Mitchell 3-7-10	N Carlisle 4

9-4 Lady Dignity, 4-1 Noble Canonire, 7-1 Toffee, Skelton Countess, 8-1 Prudent Princess, Grey Galava, 10-1 others

4.30 DENMARK SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £2,070: 5f) (9)

No	Form	Horse, trainer, weight	Jockey
1	6340	CHILLED WINE 23 N Bycroft 8-9	L Charnock 2
2	0	CHLOEZYMP 14 (B) J Balding 8-9	J Edmonds (7) 8
3	32	COME TOO MAMMA'S 4 (BF) J Berry 8-9	G Carter 7
4	633	FACE IT 19 W G M Turner 8-9	A Clark 6
5		MIDNIGHT TIMES D O Brien 8-9	G Bardwell 1
6	306	RAHONA 6 (B) B Rothwell 8-9	D Harrison 5
7	500	RAMSEY PRIDE 16 C Fairhurst 8-9	J Tate 4
8	52	RUN LUCY RUN 14 R Guest 8-9	F Lynch (5) 3
9	32	WHO TOLD VICKY 11 J Moore 8-9	J F Egan 9

9-4 Come Too Mamma's, 11-4 Face It, 4-1 Run Lucy Run, 5-1 Who Told Vicky, 10-1 Chilled Wine, 12-1 Midnight Times, 14-1 Rahona, 16-1 others

5.00 GERMANY APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,070: 1m 3f) (11)

No	Form	Horse, trainer, weight	Jockey
1	00-2	CANTON VENTURE 11 (G) S Woods 4-10-0	J Moon (7) 1
2	1060	MAZILLA 7 (V,CD,G) A Streeter 4-9-2	R Havlin 10
3	30-0	MEGA TID 4 (G) B Pearce 4-9-0	J Wilkinson (5) 2
4	500-	SILVER HUNTER 196J (F) G Bravery 5-9-0	L Newton 4
5	5110	CAROL AGAIN 11 (CD,BF,G) N Bycroft 4-9-0	F Lynch 8
6	2-20	WATCH ME GO 6 (F,G) Bob Jones 7-8-10	G Faulkner (5) 5
7	43-2	PEDALTOTHEMETAL 12J P Mitchell 4-8-9	C Adamson (3) 3
8	2550	MR MORIARTY 11 (C,G) S Bowring 5-8-5	C Teague 7
9	3100	THORNIWAMA 13 (B,G) J Bridger 5-8-5	M Baird 11
10	0-22	PERSONIMUS 11 J Wilson 6-8-3	P Fessey 6
11	-635	MILLTOWN CLASSIC 14 J Parkes 4-7-10	P Doe (5) 9

3-1 Canton Venture 4-1 Pedaltothemetal 5-1 Personimus, Carol Again 6-1 Mr Moriarty, 10-1 Watch Me Go, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Ryan, 20 winners from 86 runners, 23 3%; Bob Jones, 6 from 33, 18.2%; W O'Gorman, 33 from 183, 18 0%, M Camacho, 16 from 107, 15 0%; R Guest, 5 from 34, 14.7%, S Bowring, 43 from 298, 14 4%, J Berry, 34 from 245, 13.9%; S Woods, 7 from 54, 13 0%, G Bravery, 4 from 31, 12 9%

JOCKEYS: D Biggs, 31 winners from 167 rides, 18.6%, J Fortune, 25 from 158, 15 8%, Emma O'Gorman, 27 from 172, 15 7%; F Lynch, 11 from 72, 15 3%, D Harrison, 21 from 148, 14.2%; C Teague, 21 from 149, 14 1%

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwell: 4 00 Distinct Beauty 4.30 Chloezymp, Rahona Windsor: 6 35 He's Got Wings, Scandator 7 05 Thai Morning, 7 35 Tappeto, 8 35 Linda's Joy Towcester: 5 50 Shers Delight, Stretchit.

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Ta Rib wins French 1,000 Guineas for young Newmarket trainer

Dunlop captures classic at first attempt

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT
AT LONGCHAMP

Ta Rib and Carson hold off Shake The Yoke, right, in the Poule D'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp yesterday. Photograph: John Crofts

ED DUNLOP entered the classic records at the first attempt here yesterday when *Ta Rib* rose from obscurity to claim the Dubai Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas). It was a magnificent performance from the filly and all connected with her.

So *nervous* was the Newmarket trainer that he watched the race alone. And he *could* barely amplify his feelings when Ta Rib, a winner in maiden company at Newmarket seven days earlier, returned to a rapturous reception. Fittingly, Dunlop's *proud parents* were on hand to celebrate the achievement, gained only after Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, who owns Ta Rib, insisted she should take her chance.

Willie Carson rode a perfectly judged race, positioning Ta Rib just behind Godolphin's Shawanni for much of the one-mile trip. The jockey turned his mount loose approaching the final furlong and Ta Rib was never really threatened by the late rush of Shake The Yoke, the red-hot favourite.

Carson said: "This is a big thrill. The filly has gone from winning a maiden to winning the French Guineas. What more can you say?" And Dunlop, 27, said of Ta Rib: "I have always liked her but I was very worried about coming here so quickly after she won at Newmarket. It was the sheikh's wish and he was proved right."

The victory will do wonders for Dunlop's morale. It has been a difficult experience for the young handler, who took over Sheikh Maktoum's Newmarket stable on the death of Alex Scott 18 months ago. Most of the staff stayed loyal to the stable and Dunlop dedicated this victory to them. He is the third licence holder at Gainsborough Stables in six years. This triumph should now cement the new alliance. All those involved can now look ahead rather than reflect on the tragic circumstances behind Scott's death.

Dunlop's father, John, has yet to land a French classic in his 31 seasons with a licence. His hopes might briefly have been raised when Kahir Almaydan took the lead from Gothenberg in the Poule D'Essai des Poulains. However, Kahir Almaydan's stamina failed him and he was eventually swamped into fifth place by a posse of late challengers.

Tagula, the first to collar Kahir Almaydan, threatened to bring another classic back to Britain but he, too, could not resist the surge of Ashkalani. The winner, now unbeaten in four outings, represented a long overdue return to the classic scene for the Aga Khan. Cayman Kai made late progress into fourth after a troubled passage but Don Micheletto, Danehill Dancer and Gothenberg all faded tamely to fill the last three places.

Sadly, Ashkalani is not bred for 12 furlongs. Neither is the runner-up, Spinning World, who received a 16-1 quote for the Derby after finishing fastest of all here. Cash Asmussen had trouble finding racing room at the end of a rough race and Spinning World looked capable of better. No decision on his participation at Epsom has yet been made.

On the Derby front, Shaamit is to miss his engagement in the Dante Stakes at York on Wednesday after suffering a setback. But his trainer, Willie Haggas, has not abandoned hope of saddling the colt at Epsom. Ladbrokes have restructured their Dante book. The firm now bet: 5-4 Nash House, 7-2 Dushyantor, 9-2 Storm Trooper, 5-1 Glory Of Dancer, 14-1 and upwards the remainder.

LONGCHAMP DETAILS

3.35 POULE D'ESSAI DES POULICHES (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: 1m: £131,752)
1, Ta Rib (W Carson); 2, Shake The Yoke (D Boeuf); 3, Sagar Pride (O Peslier). 9 ran. ½l, ¾l. E Dunlop in Newmarket. Pari-mutuel (to 1fr stake): 15.10; 2.30, 1.10, 2.80. DF: 10.90.

4.05 POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS (Group I: 3-Y-O colts: 1m: £131,752)
1, Ashkalani (G Mosse); 2, Spinning World (C Asmussen); 3, Tagula (K Darley). 10 ran. ¾l, ½l. A de Royer Dupre in France. Pari-mutuel: 1.80; 1.10, 1.70, 3.50. DF: 4.80.

Sangster revives Derby dreams

JULIAN MUSCAT

Racing commentary

It was a throwback to the pre-Maktoum era. In two minutes of television theatre last week, Robert Sangster, formerly landlord of the British Turf, sifted through *his Derby candidates like a* poker player eyeing his hand. The aces may be fewer these *days but Sangster has clearly* not forgotten how to shuffle the pack.

The upshot was a welter of trade over Astor Place, who Sangster suggested had worked better that morning than Nash House. Sangster's words still strike a chord with the public, and Coral's offer of 33-1 had dissolved to 20-1 by the day's end.

There was a time, 15 years ago, when Sangster's colts dominated the Derby build-up as do Maktoum runners today. *His was the interview* most prized by the betting public. He could be indiscreet *if in the mood — much to the* chagrin of his trainer, Vincent O'Brien, who maintained an *Omerta-like silence.*

Sangster's racecourse jousts with the Maktoums made compelling viewing until the extent of the Dubai rulers' fortune became clear. Contemporary racing folk have declared themselves bored with the processional big-race victories of the Maktoum family. It is remarkable to reflect *that* Sangster stood accused of the same crime 15 years ago.

A personal view is that the pleasure gained from watching the finest thoroughbreds *on these shores far outweighs the identity of their owners.* Nevertheless, when Sangster dominated the sport, he did so *with* panache. He *teased* television audiences with his observations in advance of the *classics. Nostalgia flooded the* airwaves when he was at it again last week.

Of course, it was Sangster who ingrained racing with its stock-market mentality. And that, in essence, tended to govern his words when interviewed. A few choice comments would nail a deal; it is a shade of odds-on that part of Astor Place will have been sold in advance of the Derby. For Sangster remains primarily a dealer in bloodstock.

If racing has always been governed by high stakes, Derby day is the biggest deal of all. Bloodstock values mean *little to the Maktoums* but they mean everything to Sangster, who has twice prevailed *at Epsom with The* Minstrel and Golden Fleece. Yet there have been disasters. The value of his El Gran Senor diminished considerably when the colt was short-headed by Secreto in 1984. *And Dr Devious triumphed* four years ago after Sangster had sold him nine months *earlier for a paltry $400,000.*

How times have changed. Sangster recently chose to *describe his palatial Manton* training complex as "a small, family-run stable" even though it houses up to five Derby candidates. Nash House actually belongs to the Weinstock family but Astor Place, Heron Island, Legal Right and Chief Contender all carry the Sangster livery.

Derby dreams are only fleeting: this week's trials at York may hole Sangster's boat below the waterline. However, most impartial observers will be hoping his horses come through. Should one of them make it all the way to the winner's enclosure at Epsom, *it will make a nostalgic stroll* down memory lane for the man who once bestrode the sport like a Colossus.

Treble helps Jukes cement title claim

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

JAMIE JUKES strengthened his position at the head of the *men's championship with a* treble at the **Llandeilo Farmers'** meeting in Wales on *Saturday. His main rival,* Alastair Crow, had to settle for a single success at the **Golden Valley** fixture.

All the top riders enjoy purple patches, but to be champion it is necessary to knit the patches together. Jukes, 25, has been doing just that, taking his total from 11 a month ago to 30 on Saturday.

Winning on odds-on Northern Bluff was predictable, but when Fox Pointer was pulled out of the men's open, Jukes was offered the mount on the Charlotte Williams-trained Moving Force, who duly won. Taking a fall on Buckley's *Court in the restricted proved* Jukes is fallible, but he then won on Warren Boy, trained by Tim Jones.

Yesterday Jukes set off early from his home in West Wales *to travel to South Devon for* rides at Ottery St Mary before going to the meeting at *Maisemore Park in Gloucestershire.* "I think my car's going to need a service after this," Jukes said. "I might not beat Alastair, but I'll make him sweat."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: NO MONKEY NUTS
(2.45 Redcar)
Next best: Alpine Panther
(3.45 Redcar)

The women's championship is also a two-horse race. Polly Curling clawed one back on *Alison Dare after Fosbury* won at the **Minehead Harriers & West Somerset**. Dare is four ahead with 26 victories.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER
5.50 Troy's Dream. 6.20 Evangelica. 6.50 Emerald Ruler. 7.20 Howgill. 7.50 Pastoral Pride. 8.20 Slingsby.

Carl Evans: 7.50 Pastoral Pride.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.50 ST KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE SELLING HURDLE (£1,947: 2m) (10 runners)

1	2114	REACH FOR GLORY 7 (D,BF,F) W G M Turner 7-12-6	J Power (7)
2	P/2	MASON DIXON 7 J Pickering 7-11-2	A Thornton
3	-560	SHERS DELIGHT 10 (V,F) O Brennan 6-11-2	M Brennan
4	0FUP	SPARTS FAULT 21 P Eccles 6-11-2	J A McCarthy
5	2FFP	STRETCHIT 68 (V) D McCain 6-11-2	D McCain
6	0425	TROY'S DREAM 7 Mrs S Smith 5-11-2	R Guest
7	600P	MINNESOTA FATS 9 Miss M Rowland 4-10-11	Gary Lyons
8	1603	SIAN WYN 12 (D,F) K Burke 6-10-11	R Supple
9	303P	WHAT'S THE JOKE 9 J Tuck 7-10-11	S McNeill
10	02	FOOLS OF PRIDE 55 R Hollinshead 4-10-6	L Aspell (5)

11-4 Reach For Glory, 9-2 Fools Of Pride, Sian Wyn, 5-1 Troy's Dream, 6-1 Minnesota Fats, 7-1 Mason Dixon, 8-1 What's The Joke, 10-1 Shers Delight, 12-1 Stretchit, 14-1 others.

6.20 BICESTER HUNT WITH WHADDON CHASE ALSO RANS NOVICES CHASE (£3,059: 3m 1f) (7)

1	P511	EVANGELICA 12 (D,F,S) M Pipe 6-11-8	D Bridgwater
2	-0UP	AND WHY NOT 7 Mrs S Smith 8-11-1	Mr P Murray (7)
3	0U50	JIMMY'S FANCY 12 (B) Mrs S Williams 8-11-1	S McNeill
4	0U42	MONY-SKIP 13 Mrs S Smith 7-11-1	R Guest
5	P4U3	TEATRADER 55 (F,G,S) Mrs L Richards 10-11-1	M Richards
6	0424	TENBIT 205 (F) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-1	C Llewellyn
7	6P0F	WOODLANDS POWER 12 P Pritchard 8-11-1	R Davis

4-6 Evangelica, 7-2 Tenbit, 4-1 Mony-Skip, 10-1 Teatrader, 25-1 Woodlands Power, 50-1 Jimmy's Fancy, And Why Not

6.50 ABEL REWINDS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,373: 2m 5f) (6)

1	6534	AN SPAILPIN FANACH 3 (V) M McCormack 7-11-10	D Bridgwater
2	0300	EMERALD RULER 2 (BF,G,S) P Webber 9-11-10	A P McCoy
3	R412	PASJA 10 (V,D,BF,G) S Gollings 5-11-8	A Dobbin
4	6P32	CAMBO 7 (CD,G,S) M Banks 10-11-7	D Skyrme
5	042	LIMOSA 35 Mrs L Richards 5-11-1	M Richards
6	21-0	DARK SILHOUETTE 16 (D,G) O Brennan 7-10-7	M Brennan

2-1 Cambo, 3-1 An Spailpin Fanach, 7-2 Pasja, 4-1 Limosa, 8-1 Dark Silhouette, 16-1 Emerald Ruler

7.20 BIT OF A CLOWN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,082: 2m 6f) (9) SKY

1	PP46	POLAR REGION 23 (F,S) N Henderson 10-11-10	Mr C Vigors (5)
2	6P56	WRECKLESS MAN 12 (D,F,G,S) J Old 9-11-10	G Upton
3	43P6	SARAVILLE 18 (F,G,S) F Jordan 9-11-8	J Lodder
4	PU-P	EARLY MAN 32 (F,S) D Grissell 9-11-7	B Fenton (3)
5	-U24	HOWGILL 17 (F,G) T Forster 10-11-4	S Wynne
6	2P25	TITUS ANDRONICUS 7 (B,G) N Gaselee 9-10-13	C Llewellyn
7	5-F0	LE BUCHERON 12 (F,G) Miss H Knight 10-10-11	Mr J Culloty (3)
8	4-P3	TRUSS 7 (C,F,G) J Upson 9-10-1	R Supple
9	6240	BAVARD BAY 9 (B,D,S) G Barnett 12-10-0	R Farrant

9-4 Howgill, 11-4 Saraville, 7-2 Truss, 6-1 Wreckless Man, 6-1 Titus Andronicus, 10-1 Polar Region, 16-1 Bavard Bay, 25-1 others

7.50 LARRY CONNELL MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,339: 2m 110yd) (10) SKY

1	/41	BEAU DANDY 7 (C,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 9-12-2	T Marks (7)
2	PPS1	KING OF SHADOWS 5 (G) Miss C Carden 9-12-2	S Prior (7)
3	1033	SOUTHERN MINSTREL 18 (D,F) N Chamberlain 13-12-2	S Swiers
4	1/0	AFALTOUN 17 (F,G,S) J Porter 11-11-13	T Lacey (7)
5	3455	AL HASHIMI 9 (D,F,G,S) N Ridout 12-11-13	N Ridout (7)
6	/0/	BLUE AEROPLANE 8P R Collier 8-11-13	A Sansome (5)
7	4PP-	CARDAN 30P Mrs R Welch 10-11-13	R Darke (7)
8	30-F	DANNIGALE 12 E Haddock 10-11-13	E Haddock (7)
9	/3F-	GREAT POKEY 9P (D,F,S) Miss N Courtenay 11-11-13	Miss N Courtenay (7)
10	0423	KNOCKUMSHIN 13 (F,G,S) Sidney J Smith 13-11-13	T Byrne (5)
11	/0P-	MUMMY'S SONG 43P (F) Ms Prangley 11-11-13	M Lewis (7)
12	-5F3	PASTORAL PRIDE 12 (D,S) Miss P Curling 12-11-13	Miss P Curling (5)
13	/P-F	RAH WAN 40 (D,F) P Chamings 10-11-13	C Vigors (5)
14	035P	SOCIAL CLIMBER 7P (CD,G,S) S Gilmore 12-11-13	L Lay (7)
15	/PF	BROWN BABY 9 (G) S Gilmore 10-11-8	P Scott (7)
16	-044	KNOWING 12 (S) P Walkins 9-11-8	Miss E James (7)

5-1 Beau Dandy, King Of Shadows, 6-1 Southern Minstrel, Knockumshin, 8-1 others

8.20 PACEMAKER AND THOROUGHBRED BREEDER NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,952: 2m) (8) SKY

1	0213	SLINGSBY 12 (BF,F) Miss H Knight 6-11-7	J F Titley
2	000U	BIT OF A DREAM 7 Mrs S Smith 6-11-0	R Guest
3		CELTIC MYSTERY T Casey 7-11-0	A P McCoy
4	0	DRAKEFORD 41 R Rowe 5-11-0	D O'Sullivan
5	60	ORCHARD KING 48 O Brennan 6-11-0	M Brennan
6	0-P3	SLEAZEY 68 J J O'Neill 5-11-0	S Curran
7		THE FENCE SHRINKER D McCain 5-11-0	D McCain
8	0P0-	BLUCANOO 44P D Nicholson 6-10-9	R Johnson

4-5 Slingsby, 4-1 Sleazey, 5-1 Drakeford, 7-1 Celtic Mystery, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss C Saunders, 13 winners from 21 runners, 61.9%; D Nicholson, 19 from 59, 32.2%; O Brennan, 25 from 117, 21.4%; J Old, 7 from 78, 18.4%; R Rowe, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: Mr J Culloty, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; M Brennan, 25 from 103, 24.3%; D O'Sullivan, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Mr T Byrne, 3 from 16, 18.8%; J Titley, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

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LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
J Eyre	29	21	17	6	+53.79
R Hollinshead	29	22	37	1	-9.84
M Johnston	26	32	22	3	-23.66
P Chapple-Hyam	21	9	11	3	+34.79
H Cecil	20	11	13	1	+10.07
S Bowring	20	21	8	5	-6.83
J Berry	20	15	10	2	-42.25
D Nicholls	18	13	9	8	-27.68
M Channon	18	18	13	1	-53.05
R Hannon	18	16	14	2	-23.73
R Charlton	15	4	6	1	+12.62
J Dunlop	15	15	12	1	-23.96

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
J Weaver	47	49	38	33	-50.06
R Cochrane	45	35	36	1	-39.00
L Dettori	35	23	18	5	-15.30
Pat Eddery	34	20	18	1	-0.69
F Lynch	29	19	29	0	+30.01
J Fortune	25	20	33	9	-50.26
J Reid	24	20	16	13	-40.63
T Quinn	22	24	7	5	-29.00
J Quinn	22	32	29	3	-159.70
K Fallon	21	12	33	3	-32.82
A Clark	21	17	14	2	-4.41
S Sanders	21	26	20	0	-62.95

WINDSOR

THUNDERER
6.05 Eurobox Boy. 6.35 *Classic Ballet*. 7.05 *Meranti*. 7.35 Shining Example. 8.05 Sweet Emmaline. 8.35 Robusta.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.35 KING OF SPARTA.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.05 Faith Alone. 7.35 Ma Petite Anglaise. 8.35 KING OF SPARTA (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, HIGH BEST SIS

6.05 BRITISH RED CROSS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,899: 1m 67yd) (21 runners)

1	(12)	24-0	KAMA SIMBA 21 (D,F) J White 4-9-5	J Fortune	80
2	(14)	0050	MYSTIC LEGEND 27 T Naughton 4-9-5	S Whitworth	–
3	(19)	410-	MOVE WITH EDES 201 (F) W G M Turner 4-9-4	T Sprake	92
4	(10)	5-00	DELIGHT OF DAWN 14 (F,G) K Ivory 4-9-2	C Scally (7)	98
5	(1)	6-0	MICHELLE'S ELLA 8 C Broad 4-9-2	A Daly (5)	–
6	(20)	06-0	DESERT HARVEST 7 G McCourt 4-9-1	R Studholme (7)	95
7	(18)	540-	ADILOV 353 R Phillips 4-9-0	R Perham	85
8	(7)	0	OUT LINE 8 M Madgwick 4-9-0	A Eddery (7)	–
9	(4)	0100	ROCKVILLE PIKE 12 (V,G,S) S Dow 4-9-0	T Quinn	⊞
10	(15)		BROMFYLDE FAYEMAID 35J J Jenkins 4-8-12	N Day	–
11	(11)	8-00	BURNT SIENNA 109 (CD,F) J Moore 4-8-12	J Keenan (7)	84
12	(13)	53-0	ATHINAR 19 C Wildman 4-8-9	R Cochrane	81
13	(16)	0-06	CONSIDERABLE CHARM 60 A Moore 4-8-9	Candy Morris	75
14	(9)	0-50	EUROBOX BOY 20 A Jarvis 3-8-6	Dane O'Neill (3)	96
15	(2)	2014	SUNLEY SECURE 5 (D,S) M Channon 3-8-6	Paul Eddery	97
16	(6)	0	INDIAN WOLF 13 P Murphy 3-8-5	S Drowne (3)	–
17	(8)	-000	LAHIK 7 K Ivory 3-8-4	D Biggs	70
18	(21)	60-0	ANDSOME BOY 11 C Barwell 3-8-3	N Varley (3)	78
19	(3)	0	GOLD LINING 13 C Broad 3-8-3	A McGlone	87
20	(5)	4132	ROWLANDSONS CHARM 41 (V,D,G) A Moore 3-7-12	N Adams	98
21	(17)		WELCOME BRIEF W Musson 3-7-12	D O'Shea	–

6-1 Sunley Secure, 7-1 Rowlandsons Charm, 8-1 Delight Of Dawn, 10-1 others.

6.35 VODAFONE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,241: 1m 3f 135yd) (20)

1	(14)	25-0	THE BOOZING BRIEF 16 M Jarvis 9-7	A Whelan (3)	94
2	(4)	2-43	CLASSIC BALLET 21 S Williams 9-6	A Mackay	94
3	(20)	00-5	BEN BOWDEN 16 M Blanshard 9-4	N Adams	92
4	(12)	0-05	CHARMING ADMIRAL 24 C Wall 9-3	G Duffield	96
5	(6)	00-0	OLIVER ROCK 23 D Chappell 9-2	B Thomson	98
6	(10)	23-0	TARRY 16 (F) S Sherwood 9-1	J Reid	92
7	(7)	00-0	FLAME OF HOPE 31 J Dunlop 9-1	T Quinn	90
8	(16)	0-15	DHULIKHEL 13 (D,F,G) D Marks 9-0	Pat Eddery	98
9	(9)	0-42	BLUEBERRY FIELDS 39 C Wall 8-13	W Woods	93
10	(15)	0554	DOMETTES 20 (F) R Hannon 8-13	Dane O'Neill (3)	98
11	(5)	00-0	COMPASS POINTER 35 J Eustace 8-13	M Tebbutt	85
12	(8)	000	SCANDATOR 16 (B) P Harris 8-12	A McGlone	–
13	(1)	0-00	LE TETEU 16 Bob Jones 8-12	N Day	80
14	(18)	3-54	STATE APPROVAL 4 A Jarvis 8-11	J Fortune	98
15	(2)	000-	SPINNING MOUSE 174 D Morley 8-9	R Cochrane	–
16	(3)	-406	ATLANTIC MIST 23 B Millman 8-9	S Drowne (3)	98
17	(13)	00-0	DASHING INVADER 35 P Harris 8-6	G Hind	–
18	(11)	00-0	HE'S GOT WINGS 41 (V) M Bell 8-5	S Whitworth	–
19	(19)	00-0	NATATARI 14 B Palling 8-3	T Sprake	94
20	(17)	1332	BAILIWICK 44 (B,G) N Graham 7-12	Paul Eddery	⊞

6-1 Dhulikhel, 7-1 Ben Bowden, 8-1 Classic Ballet, The Boozing Brief, Bailiwick, 10-1 Atlantic Mist, Blueberry Fields, Domettes, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

WINDSOR: Trainers: M Jarvis, 8 winners from 24 runners, 33.3%; R Hannon, 41 from 206, 19.9%; H Candy, 7 from 36, 19.4%; L Cumani, 4 from 25, 16.0%; A Stewart, 3 from 19, 15.8%; Lord Huntingdon, 8 from 51, 15.7%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 33 winners from 157 rides, 21.0%; W Ryan, 8 from 42, 19.0%; T Sprake, 6 from 45, 13.3%; J Reid, 17 from 132, 12.9%; *W Carson, 11 from 89, 12.4%*

REDCAR: Trainers: M Stoute, 6 winners from 25 runners, 24.0%; H Cecil, 7 from 33, 21.2%; W Jarvis, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Bell, 6 from 38, 15.8%; J Hills, 4 from 26, 15.4%; Mrs M Reveley, 49 from 330, 14.8%. *Jockeys: M Hills, 8 winners from 30 rides, 26.7%;* K Darley, 57 from 259, 22.0%; W Ryan, 15 from 74, 20.3%; S D Williams, 6 from 38, 15.8%; J Carroll, 14 from 111, 12.6%; R Hills, 8 from 65, 12.3%

7.05 PERPETUAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,026: 5f 217yd) (18) SKY

1	(10)	1-24	WILDWOOD FLOWER 5 (D,F) R Hannon 9-7	Pat Eddery	95
2	(12)	24-0	SHARP STOCK 49 B Meehan 9-2	R Hughes	87
3	(13)	040-	NELLIE NORTH 205 (C,G) G McCourt 9-1	J Reid	80
4	(8)	600-	BEAUCHAMP KATE 226 H Candy 9-1	C Rutter	84
5	(5)	2-04	BLUE SUEDE HOOFS 6 B Meehan 9-1	M Tebbutt	89
6	(2)	3-05	MAGIC MAIL 18 J Eustace 9-1	R Cochrane	89
7	(6)	0-00	MISS WATERLINE 14 (D,S) P Evans 8-13	J Fortune	85
8	(17)	3-06	MINDRACE 16 K Ivory 8-13	D Biggs	90
9	(18)	3-55	AMBER FORT 11 (B) P Cole 8-12	T Quinn	91
10	(3)	63-0	LITERARY SOCIETY 27 J Toller 8-9	S Sanders	80
11	(11)	-063	THAI MORNING 16 (B,F) P Harris 8-8	G Hind	94
12	(4)	021-	FAITH ALONE 158 (G) C Wall 8-8	G Duffield	90
13	(9)	6-60	CHARLTON IMP 23 R Hodges 8-8	S Drowne (3)	⊞
14	(14)	033-	POWER GAME 213 J Berry 8-7	W Carson	89
15	(16)	50-0	RIFIFI 20 R Ingram 8-5	P McCabe (3)	90
16	(15)	000-	KOSSOLIAN 236 (D,F) B Palling 8-3	T Sprake	85
17	(7)	0-52	MERANTI 11 (BF) S Dow 8-2	A Daly (5)	96
18	(1)	000-	PRIME PARTNER 205 W Muir 7-13	M Henry (5)	94

5-1 Faith Alone, 6-1 Wildwood Flower, 7-1 Power Game, Thai Morning, Meranti, 8-1 Beauchamp Kate, 10-1 Nellie North, 12-1 others

7.35 CADOGAN GROUP LIMITED STAKES (£3,714: 1m 2f 7yd) (14) SKY

1	(2)	0100	TRIBAL PEACE 16 (D,G,S) B Gubby 4-9-2	J Stack (3)	86
2	(7)	0034	WET PATCH 39 (D,F,G) R Hannon 4-9-2	R Hughes	89
3	(6)	-436	ACCESS ADVENTURER 93 (D,F,G) R Boss 5-9-0	W Ryan	87
4	(14)	0/3-	COUCHANT 184J J White 5-9-0	S Drowne (3)	80
5	(5)	0500	COUNTRY LOVER 12 (V,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-0	D Harrison	⊞
6	(12)	0-00	KOMODO 12 K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-0	S Whitworth	80
7	(11)	2845	MASTER BEVELED 14 (BF,F,G,S) P Evans 6-9-0	J Fortune	98
8	(8)	0-00	PREMIER LEAGUE 27 (D,G,S) J Long 6-9-0	T Field (7)	–
9	(1)	030-	PRINTERS QUILL 207 D Chappell 4-9-0	B Thomson	–
10	(13)	21-6	SHINING EXAMPLE 13 (F) P Makin 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	93
11	(9)	06-0	TAPPETO 30 (B,D,F) H Candy 4-9-0	C Rutter	88
12	(4)	30-0	GLORIANA 14 (G) Lady Herries 4-8-11	J Reid	94
13	(10)	00-0	MA PETITE ANGLAISE 23 (C,F,G) W Jarvis 4-8-11	M Henry (5)	98
14	(3)	0-23	WONDERFUL DAY 103 (D,BF,F) H Akbary 5-8-11	G Hind	84

4-1 Master Beveled, 5-1 Shining Example, 8-1 Access Adventurer, Ma Petite Anglaise, 8-1 Country Lover, Gloriana, 10-1 others

8.05 SUNLEY CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,601: 5f 10yd) (5) SKY

1	(1)	41	BRAVEHEART 9 (D,F) M Channon 8-11	R Hughes	87
2	(4)	021	GROVEFAIR FLYER 6 (D,F) B Meehan 8-11	Dane O'Neill (3)	80
3	(2)	1	SABOTINI 17 (D,G) B Hills 8-10	Pat Eddery	91
4	(3)	1	SWEET EMMALINE 39 (D,G) W G M Turner 8-6	T Sprake	⊞
5	(5)		NATALIA BAY P Cole 8-3	T Quinn	–

7-4 Sabotini, 11-4 Natalia Bay, 7-2 Braveheart, 9-2 Sweet Emmaline, 5-1 Grovefair Flyer

8.35 BOWRING GROUP MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,095: 1m 2f 7yd) (19)

1	(12)	0	EFFECTUAL 11 J Toller 9-0	S Sanders	86
2	(8)	0	FOOTHILL 105 R Phillips 9-0	W J O'Connor	–
3	(18)	0-00	HALF AN INCH 7 B Meehan 9-0	R Hughes	88
4	(2)	0-0	HOOFPRINTS 14 G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	74
5	(3)	6	KING OF SPARTA 14 L Cumani 9-0	Pat Eddery	⊞
6	(14)	6-6	MORNING SIR 11 C Barwell 9-0	G Hind	–
7	(11)		PERSIAN PUNCH D Elsworth 9-0	A Procter	–
8	(17)	0	SECONDMENT 9 L Cumani 9-0	C Hodgson	–
9	(16)		TATHMIN J Bosley 9-0	C Rutter	–
10	(5)	00-	TOM SWIFT 192 R Spicer 9-0	T Sprake	70
11	(15)	00-0	ABSOLUTELYSTUNNING 13 Mrs B Waring 8-9	J F Egan	–
12	(13)	0-	BELLAPHENTO 198 J Ringer 8-9	G Duffield	71
13	(19)		ELL ELL EFF A Hide 8-9	W Ryan	–
14	(4)		LINDA'S JOY (B) R Guest 8-9	P Bloomfield	–
15	(9)	00-	PARSA 192 J Dunlop 8-9	W Carson	–
16	(10)	4	PREMIER CENSURE 30 J Fanshawe 8-9	D Harrison	98
17	(1)		PRESTIGE LASS B Smart 8-9	R Cochrane	–
18	(7)	0	ROBUSTA 26 A Stewart 8-9	S Whitworth	92
19	(6)		RUSSIAN ROSE A Hide 8-9	M Tebbutt	–

7-4 King Of Sparta, 5-1 Premier Censure, 6-1 Robusta, 8-1 Half An Inch, 10-1 Hoofprints, Effectual, Parsa, 12-1 others.

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THUNDERER
2.15 Hula Prince
2.45 Sea-Deer
3.15 Self Expression
3.45 Forest Fantasy
4.15 Mohannad
4.45 Satin Lover
5.15 LOVELY PROSPECT (nap)

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 AYTON MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,798: 5f) (14 runners)

101	(10)		DIVE MASTER (The Irish Connection) C Murray 9-0	B Doyle	–
102	(14)	20	DOCKLANDS CARRIAGE 13 (Mrs L Olley) N Tinkler 9-0	Kim Tinkler	98
103	(8)		FATHER EDDIE (C Stevens) J J O'Neill 9-0	S D Williams	–
104	(9)	6	FINE TIMES 7 (Glasgow House Four) C Fairhurst 9-0	D McKeown	88
105	(7)		HULA PRINCE (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Johnston 9-0	M Hills	–
106	(11)	03	MILL END BOY 9 (W Allgood) M W Easterby 9-0	G Parkin (5)	⊞
107	(13)		NIFTY NORMAN (Mrs N Peebles) J Berry 9-0	J Carroll	–
108	(1)		PENSION FUND (D Spence) M W Easterby 9-0	Dale Gibson	–
109	(12)	5	SUPER SHERIFF 6 (M Easterby) M W Easterby 9-0	J Fanning	86
110	(6)		THE LAMBTON WORM (Lord Durham) Denys Smith 9-0	K Fallon	–
111	(3)		CALA-HOLME (Mrs M Graham) T Easterby 8-9	M Birch	–
112	(5)		LUCKY OAKWOOD (Sporting Quest) M Bell 8-9	M Fenton	–
113	(4)		RIVA LA BELLE (Hickling and Squires Ltd) J Wharton 8-9	K Darley	–
114	(2)	0	THEWRIGHTONE 9 (C Wright) G Oldroyd 8-9	F Norton	–

BETTING: 9-4 Hula Prince, 4-1 Nifty Norman, 5-1 Lucky Oakwood, 6-1 Mill End Boy, 8-1 others.

1995: PLEASURE TIME 9-0 K Darley (10-11 fav) 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOCKLANDS CARRIAGE 1¾l 2nd of 4 to Full Traceability in maiden auction at Musselburgh (5f, good) penultimate start. MILL END BOY 3¾l 3rd of 11 to Braveheart in maiden auction at Thirsk (5f, good to firm) with THEWRIGHTONE 12l 10th. SUPER SHERIFF 7½l 5th of 7 to Grovefair Flyer in seller at Doncaster (5f, good to firm)
No selection

2.45 KILTON CLAIMING STAKES (£2,756: 6f) (14 runners)

201	(13)	432322	SEA-DEER 7 (D,F,G,S) (Miss N Thesiger) D Chapman 7-9-8	D McKeown	90
202	(7)		NAUGHTY PISTOL (C Booth) P Evans 4-9-7	T Ives	–
203	(1)	314/	GONE TO HEAVEN 711 (F) (P Savill) T Etherington 4-9-4	K Darley	–
204	(10)	080412	PANTHER 11 (D,G,S) (K West) J Hetherton 6-9-2	K Fallon	88
205	(11)	024116	SENSE OF PRIORITY 81 (D,BF,F,G) (S Schofield) D Nicholls 7-9-2	Alex Greaves	92
206	(5)	00400/0	STEEL SOVEREIGN 7 (CD,F) (R Hope) M Dods 5-9-0	Iona Wands (7)	–
207	(8)	0428-63	NO MONKEY NUTS 6 (D,F) (The Monkey Partnership) J Berry 3-8-12	J Carroll	⊞
208	(14)	60-0000	PRIME PROPERTY 7 (B,D,F) (A Black & Co) M W Easterby 4-8-11	Dale Gibson	68
209	(9)	004005-	MONKEY FACE 254 (Mrs A Jones) W Haigh 5-8-9	R Hills	–
210	(4)	0-30052	KOMLUCKY 16 (B,D,G) (Hambleton Racing Ptnrs) A Mulholland 4-8-7	T Williams	84
211	(6)	00-0000	RANKAIDADE 11 (C,S) (E Incisa) E Incisa 5-8-7	Kim Tinkler	70
212	(2)	4106-00	NAPOLEON'S RETURN 19 (C,F) (M Graham) A Harrison 3-8-3	B Doyle	84
213	(3)	05000-	REDBROOK LADY 226 (Dr B Seal) J Jefferson 3-8-3	A Mackay	77
214	(12)	35000-0	THORNTOUN JEWEL 34 (B,D,F) (Classic Racing) J Balding 3-7-13	J Fanning	83

BETTING: 9-4 No Monkey Nuts, 4-1 Sea-Deer, 9-2 Panther, 5-1 Sense Of Priority, 10-1 Komlucky, 12-1 Napoleon's Return, 16-1 Gone To Heaven, Rankaidade, 20-1 others

1995: BROCTUNE GOLD 4-8-12 G Parkin (11-4) Mrs M Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

SEA-DEER neck 2nd of 8 to Bolshoi in claimer at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). GONE TO HEAVEN 6l 4th of 6 to Mind Games in conditions race at Beverley (5f, good to firm) June 1994. PANTHER 3½l 2nd of 16 to Craigie Boy in handicap at Hamilton (6f, heavy) with RANKAIDADE (2lb better off) 12l 14th. SENSE OF PRIORITY beat Awesome Venture 1½l in 5-runner seller at Southwell (6f, AW) with SEA-DEER (1lb worse off) ¾l 3rd. NO MONKEY NUTS 5¾l 3rd of 7 to High Returns in rated stakes at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). MONKEY FACE 9½l 5th of 13 to Another Time in seller at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). KOMLUCKY 10l 2nd of 12 to Young Benson in handicap at Wolverhampton (7f, AW).
Selection: SEA-DEER

3.15 KISS AND CUDDLE PROFESSIONAL LADY JOCKEYS HANDICAP (£3,127: 1m) (13 runners)

301	(9)	06-2306	BENTICO 93 (V,D,F,G) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 7-10-0	Sophie Mitchell	89
302	(2)	3600-00	PARLIAMENT PIECE 4 (B,C,D,F,G) (G Farndon) D Nicholls 10-9-13	Alex Greaves	92
303	(1)	050-225	THALEROS 14 (BF,F,G) (M Gleason) G Moore 6-9-4	Angela Gallimore	90
304	(3)	020264	FOUR OF SPADES 3 (V,F,G) (Mrs A Sanders) P Evans 5-9-4	Amanda Sanders (5)	⊞
305	(6)	3053-00	SPANISH STEPS 24 (B) (ROM Racing) M W Easterby 4-8-11	Jo Hunnam (7)	90
306	(12)	026-006	SELF EXPRESSION 26 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs A Harris) J A Harris 8-8-8	Jo Webster (7)	91
307	(4)	305042	PC'S CRUISER 28 (B,D,G) (PC Racing Partners) J Eyre 4-8-8	Aimee Cook (7)	94
308	(8)	05-0100	DANCE OF JOY 18 (D,G) (Mrs T Carr) J Carr 4-8-6	Carol Davison (7)	96
309	(7)	410/025	CARLTON EXPRESS 6 (G) (A Skelton) J Eyre 6-8-3	Claire West (7)	92
310	(11)	0-00006	ROAR ON TOUR 11 (V,CD,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-7-11	Jenny Benson (7)	95
311	(5)	203640-	BARDIA 195 (F) (E Incisa) E Incisa 6-7-10	Kim Tinkler	90
312	(13)	00060/0	RUBY PLUS 19 (Mrs D Morris) G Oldroyd 5-7-10	Sally Sandes (7)	–
313	(10)	0-00030	LANGTONIAN 17 (B,D,G) (R Peebles) J Eyre 7-7-10	Iona Wands (7)	86

BETTING: 5-2 Pc's Cruiser, 5-1 Carlton Express, 6-1 Bentico, 7-1 Thaleros, 8-1 Self Expression, 10-1 Parliament Piece, 12-1 Four Of Spades, Roar On Tour, 14-1 others.

1995: TOLLS CHOICE 6-8-6 Ruth Coulter (7-1) M W Easterby 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

PARLIAMENT PIECE 6l 9th of 18 to Highborn in *handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, good).* THALEROS head 2nd of 14 to *Awesome Venture* in handicap at Southwell (1m, AW) penultimate start with PC'S CRUISER (2lb better off) 5¼l 4th. FOUR OF SPADES 3¼l 4th of 9 to Sooty Tern in handicap at *Lingfield (1m, AW). SELF EXPRESSION 8¼l 6th of* 18 to Raindeer Quest in selling handicap at Pontefract (1m, good). PC'S CRUISER 2¼l 2nd of 12 to Tinkers Folly in handicap at Musselburgh (7f *good). DANCE OF JOY best effort beat No Submission* ½l in apprentices selling handicap at Newcastle (1m, good) with LANGTONIAN (4lb worse off) 4l 3rd and SELF EXPRESSION (7lb better off) 10l 12th. CARLTON EXPRESS 4½l 5th *of 20 to Razayel in handicap at Doncaster* (1m 3f 60yd, good to firm).
Selection: CARLTON EXPRESS (nap)

3.45 MACKINLAY MEMORIAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,491: 1m 2f) (17 runners)

401	(8)	00-21	SAFECRACKER 20 (F) (Mrs R Lowe) J Hills 9-7	R Hills	97
402	(3)	0040-	RECALL TO MIND 214 (M Easterby) T Easterby 9-5	M Birch	87
403	(9)	600	ALPINE PANTHER 27 (P Savill) W Jarvis 9-5	K Darley	96
404	(6)	052-250	SIX CLERKS 17 (Marquesa de Moratalla) J Fitzgerald 9-3	M Wigham	86
405	(13)	60046-3	PHANTOM HAZE 33 (Mrs J Hodgson) Miss S Hall 9-1	N Connorton	93
406	(2)	5-04	CRYSTAL WARRIOR 20 (V Greaves) D Nicholls 9-0	Alex Greaves	93
407	(15)	50-3351	LUCKY BEA 7 (G) (Bee Health Ltd) M W Easterby 8-13 (5ex)	G Parkin (5)	97
408	(11)	000-11	HAWKSLEY HILL 28 (G) (H Alexander) Mrs J Ramsden 8-9	K Fallon	⊞
409	(14)	00-5	SHERWOOD 42 (BF) (K Saunders) M Bell 8-9	M Fenton	84
410	(16)	00-0	THE JOLLY BARMAID 13 (J Woolford) P Calver 8-6	J Carroll	88
411	(5)	3000-0	BLENHEIM TERRACE 14 (A Lyons) C Booth 8-6	A Culhane	88
412	(17)	440-4	FOREST FANTASY 16 (G Turner) J Wharton 8-5	F Norton	92
413	(4)	0500-0	GINGER HODGERS 19 (K Hodgson) R Whitaker 8-4	A Mackay	84
414	(7)	0-53600	ORDAINED 10 (Edges Farm Racing Stables) E Alston 7-13	J Fanning	92
415	(12)	0500-0	ETTERBY PARK 33 (Crowther Homes Ltd) Mrs J Ramsden 7-13	N Kennedy	93
416	(10)	04000-0	NORTHERN FALCON 19 (Mrs P Hartley) M W Easterby 7-13	Dale Gibson	98
417	(1)	0600-00	DISPOL CONQUEROR 35 (W Imison) G Oldroyd 7-10	R Ffrench (7)	85

BETTING: 3-1 Hawksley Hill, 4-1 Safecracker, 5-1 Forest Fantasy, 6-1 Lucky Bea, 10-1 Alpine Panther, Phantom Haze, 12-1 Recall To Mind, 14-1 Northern Falcon, 16-1 others.

1995: TOSHIBA TALK 8-0 N Kennedy (12-1) B Ellison 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAFECRACKER *beat* Efficacious 5l *in 12-runner* handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, firm). ALPINE PANTHER 6l 7th of 12 to Sandabar in maiden at Folkestone (7f, good to firm). PHANTOM HAZE short-head and 2¼l 3rd to Michtadi in 15-runner handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, good) with ORDAINED (1lb better off) 1l 6th.
CRYSTAL WARRIOR 8l 4th of 12 to Backdrop in *maiden auction at Pontefract (1m 2f, good).* LUCKY BEA beat Silverdale Knight neck in 11-runner handicap at Newcastle (1m, good). HAWKSLEY HILL beat Go-Go-Power-Ranger 1¾l in 5-runner handicap at Musselburgh (1m 3f, good). FOREST FANTASY 3¼l 4th of 15 to Eben Naas in handicap at Leicester (1m, good).
Selection: HAWKSLEY HILL

4.15 DANBY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,873: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

501	(7)		AMBASSADORI (The Thoroughbred Corporation) C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle	–
502	(5)	0	CLASH OF SWORDS 16 (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 9-0	M Birch	–
503	(2)	0	CLASSIC FIND 16 (Classic Bloodstock Plc) S Williams 9-0	A Mackay	87
504	(6)	02	GET AWAY WITH IT 16 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	K Fallon	⊞
505	(3)		LORD OF THE MANOR (Mrs J Trotter) M Johnston 9-0	M Hills	–
506	(1)	0-0	MOHANNAD 27 (Zaid A Galadari) J Hills 9-0	R Hills	95
507	(4)	5	RESPECTING 17 (M Vernon) Denys Smith 9-0	J Carroll	–
508	(8)	4-	VIRIDIS 200 (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-9	W Ryan	90

BETTING: 5-4 Get Away With It, 9-4 Viridis, 6-1 Lord Of The Manor, 8-1 Mohannad, 12-1 others

1995: UNITED FRONT 9-0 W Ryan (4-11 fav) H Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLASH OF SWORDS 21l 13th of 14 to Kintochewe *in maiden at Ripon (1m 2f, good). CLASSIC FIND* 9l 7th of 17 to Hugwity in maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good). GET AWAY WITH IT 2½l 2nd of 16 to King Alex in maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good). MOHANNAD 8l 8th of 16 to Dovaly in maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) with GET AWAY *WITH IT 10l 13th. RESPECTING tailed-off 5th of 7* to Lallans in maiden at Carlisle (1m 4f, good to soft). VIRIDIS 4¾l 4th of 11 to Dance Star in maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to firm)
Selection: VIRIDIS

4.45 TEES HANDICAP (£3,483: 2m 4yd) (6 runners)

601	(2)	/00/04	SATIN LOVER 7 (D,F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-0	K Darley	94
602	(5)	034-046	MONDRAGON 16 (CD,F,G) (D Young) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-11	A Culhane	98
603	(3)	211431	UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 20 (D,F,G) (C Brittain) C Brittain 6-9-9	B Doyle	94
604	(4)	3/2340-5	JALCANTO 75J (G) (W Davies) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-12	S Copp (7)	95
605	(6)	43115-4	SUIVEZ 9J (BF,F,G) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 6-8-10	Dale Gibson	90
606	(1)	16-0125	ARIAN SPIRIT 14 (D,F,G,S) (M West) J Eyre 5-8-1	R Lappin	⊞

BETTING: 5-2 Upper Mount Clair, 3-1 Mondragon, 4-1 Satin Lover, 5-1 Suivez, 8-1 Jalcanto, 10-1 Arian Spirit

1995: MOSHAAJIR 5-9-0 J Stack (9-4) C Smith 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SATIN LOVER 7l 4th of 8 to Purple Splash in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft). MONDRAGON 9½l 6th of 9 to Orchestra Stall in handicap at Ripon (2m, good). UPPER MOUNT CLAIR beat Greek Night Out 3½l in 15-runner handicap at Pontefract (2m 1f, good). *SUIVEZ* 7¼l 4th of 9 to Grey Again in handicap at Southwell (1m 3f, AW). ARIAN SPIRIT 1¼l 2nd of 18 to Sudden Spin in handicap at Beverley (2m, good to firm) penultimate start with MONDRAGON (3lb better off) 3l 4th.
Selection: *SATIN LOVER*

5.15 HUNTCLIFFE FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,769: 7f) (11 runners)

1	(8)	0/001-00	BEST OF ALL 17 (F,S) (R Aird) J Berry 4-9-12	T Ives	97
2	(3)	53043-3	ZELDA ZONK 11 (Mrs C Painting) B Meehan 4-9-7	B Doyle	93
3	(7)	0210-4	LOVELY PROSPECT 26 (D,S) (R Axford) R Guest 3-9-1	J Carroll	92
4	(6)	0000-00	PRUDENT PET 16 (B,D,F,G) (McLain & Rodda) C Fairhurst 4-8-12	D McKeown	90
5	(10)	30-0052	MAID O'CANNIE 13 (B,BF,F,S) (Mrs E Rhind) M W Easterby 5-8-12	G Parkin (5)	⊞
6	(9)	040/000-	RUPIANA 346 (D,F) (Mrs M Keogh) C Murray 4-8-11	A Culhane	–
7	(4)	06-0	FAIRYWINGS 33 (L and A E Sigsworth) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-6	K Fallon	91
8	(2)	24-100	CHARMING BRIDE 7 (D,G) (D Shekells) S Williams 3-8-3	K Darley	84
9	(5)	2000/0	HATS OF TO HILDA 35 (P Hemingway) Mrs M Reveley 4-7-10	F Norton	–
10	(11)	000-	VILLAGE OPERA 240 (M Keating) G Moore 3-7-10	Dale Gibson	–
11	(1)	04400-	RESPECT A SECRET 231 (Mrs P Simpson) S Kettlewell 4-7-10	N Kennedy	87

BETTING: 11-4 Zelda Zonk, 4-1 Maid O'Cannie, Lovely Prospect, 6-1 Fairywings, Charming Bride, 10-1 others.

1995: ZIFTA 4-10-0 A Mackay (6-4) S Williams 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEST OF ALL best effort beat Penmar 1½l in 14-runner handicap at Musselburgh (1m, soft). ZELDA ZONK 4½l 3rd of 12 to Lilli Claire in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to firm). LOVELY PROSPECT best effort beat Zdenka 1l in 9-runner maiden auction at Folkestone (7f, soft). MAID O'CANNIE ¾l 2nd of 21 to Alamein in handicap at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). FAIRYWINGS 7l 6th of 12 to Green Charter in maiden at Redcar (7f, firm) penultimate start. *CHARMING BRIDE 9l 7th of 15 to Mawingo* in handicap at Warwick (7f, firm).
Selection: ZELDA ZONK

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF): Franfurt Galaxy 0 Scottish Claymores 20

ATHLETICS

ARNSBERG, Germany: Selected results: Men: 100m: 1, L Christie (GB) 10.20sec; 2, P Stevens (Bel) 10.28, 3, M Blume (Ger) 10.32. **Discus:** 1, L Riedel (Ger) 66.52m; 2, J Schult (Ger) 64.08, 3, A Seelig (Ger) 63.04 **Women: Shot:** 1, A Kumbernuss (Ger) 20.05, 2, G Hammer (Ger) 18.90; 3, I Wittich (Ger) 17.20.

THURROCK: Essex championships (winners): Men: 100m: J Fergus (Belgrave) 10.6sec. **400m:** M Smith (Woodford Green) 47.8 **800m:** J Guest (Thurrock) 1min 52.4sec **3,000m steeplechase:** D Lennon (Thames Valley) 9:29.5 **110m hurdles:** P Brius (Harlow) 15.1sec **High jump:** D Sketchley (Team Solent) 1.90m. **Pole vault:** M Buck (Woodford Green) 4.60m. **Hammer:** R Earle (Haringey) 58.72m **Javelin:** P Cooper (Woodford Green) 59.42m. **Women: 100m:** D Cousins (Basildon) 12.2sec **400m:** V Day (Essex Ladies) 56.4 **800m:** J Sullivan (Havering Mayesbrook) 2min 13.4sec. **100m hurdles:** K Sketchley (Team Solent) 14.2sec **Triple jump:** D Jones (Harlow) 11.23m. **Shot:** S Andrews (Essex Ladies) 15.24m **Discus:** Andrews 52.10m

CRYSTAL PALACE: Kent championships (winners): Men: 100m: P Slythe (GEC Avionics) 10.73sec **400m:** N Keogh (Blackheath) 49.45 **1,500m:** S Barden (GEC Avionics) 3min 48.28sec **3,000m steeplechase:** J Humm (Cambridge Harriers) 9:08.60 **400m hurdles:** Keogh 54.98 **Pole vault:** D Gilby (Cambridge Harriers) 4.20m **Long jump.** J King (Haringey) 6.48m **Shot:** L Newman (Belgrave) 18.11m (Championship record). **Discus:** Newman 54.42m **Women: 200m:** J Maduaka (Bromley Ladies) 24.32sec. **800m:** H Daniel (Cambridge Harriers) 2min 11.04sec **400m hurdles:** M Gilham (Tonbridge) 62.65sec **Triple jump:** K Denham (Blackheath) 12.51m. **Hammer:** E Augee (Essex Ladies) 48.10m. **Javelin:** L Milford (Medway) 33.88m.

ENFIELD: Middlesex championships (winners): Men: 200m: S Warso (Haringey) 21.1sec **800m:** R Ashe (Hillingdon) 1min 51.8sec. **5,000m:** D Frampton (Old Gaytonians) 15:21.0 **110m hurdles:** B Taylor (Old Gaytonians) 14.6 **Long jump:** O Onuoran (Shaftesbury Barnet) 7.22m **Shot:** F Hyde (Old Gaytonians) 18.37m. **Hammer:** P Vivian (Thames Valley) 66.02m **3km walk:** J Hall (Belgrave) 14:14.8 **Javelin:** P Parry (Old Gaytonians) 62.26m. **Women: 200m:** M Walker (Shaftesbury Barnet) 24.9sec. **400m:** C Amede (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 56.7 **800m.** N Andrews (Shaftesbury Barnet) 2:11.8 **3,000m:** L Webb (Shaftesbury Barnet) 9min 56.9sec **400m hurdles:** Amede 61.7. **Pole vault:** D McLennan (Hounslow) 2m **Long jump:** A Hansen (Shaftesbury Barnet) 5.94m **Triple jump:** M Griffith (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 13.40m (Championship record) **Shot:** T Aden (Hounslow) 13.64m

CROYDON: Surrey championships (winners): Men: 200m: C Edmunds (Thames Valley) 21.2sec (championship record). **800m:** R James (Dorking and Mole Valley) 1min 58.6sec **5,000m:** S Wilson (Team Solent) 14.50.4 **110m hurdles:** A David (Cambridge Harriers) 15.2sec. **High jump:** R Aspden (Belgrave) 2.05m. **Pole vault:** D McDermott (Epsom and Ewell) 4.60m. **Triple jump:** D Browne (Belgrave) 15.24m. **Javelin:** J Davis (Walton) 50.28m **Women: 200m:** E Remeida (Essex Ladies) 23.9sec (Championship record). **800m:** J Mitchell (Croydon) 2min 12.3sec **3,000m:** A Jones (Walton) 11:15.8. **100m hurdles:** S Farquharson (Croydon) 13.8sec (championship record) **Long jump:** J Bennett (Epsom and Ewell) 5.91m. **Shot:** C Johnson (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 13.21m **Discus:** S Henton (Birchfield) 45.84m **Hammer:** J Smith (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 43.24m.

LUTON: Bedfordshire championships (winners): Men: 100m: D Joyce (Thames Valley) 10.9sec. **400m:** D O'Shea (Luton) 49.7 **3,000m:** S Rainsford (Stopsley Striders) 10min 02.2sec **110m hurdles:** W Gordon (Luton) 17.3sec **Triple jump:** R Bayliss (Luton) 12m. **Discus:** S Whyte 45.74m. **Women: 200m:** D Akron (Bedford) 25.8 **800m:** C Peet (Bedford) 2:21.8. **400m hurdles:** M Kerr (Luton) 73.8 **Long jump:** J Rollinson (Luton) 4.03m **Triple jump:** Rollinson 8.80m.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): Adelaide 20.12 (132) Fremantle Dockers 5.6 (36); West Coast Eagles 19.11 (125) North Melbourne 7.16 (58); Richmond 17.11 (113) Footscray 9.8 (62); Brisbane Bears 15.14 (104) Hawthorn 5.11 (41), Carlton 18.17 (125) Fitzroy 8.14 (62), Sydney Swans 12.10 (82) Melbourne 5.8 (38), St Kilda 18.10 (118) Collingwood 14.11 (95)

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Florida 4 Colorado 2, San Francisco 5 Pittsburgh 4 (in 10): Cincinnati 5 San Diego 3 (suspended top 7th). Montreal 5 Houston 2. Atlanta 11 Philadelphia 0. New York 2 Chicago 0. Los Angeles 3 St Louis 2 (in 12). **Saturday:** New York 7 Chicago 6; St Louis 2 Los Angeles 4: Cincinnati 8 San Diego 6 (1st game). Cincinnati 1 San Diego 0 (2nd game); Florida 11 Colorado 0. Philadelphia 5 Atlanta 11 Pittsburgh 7 San Francisco 12: Montreal 10 Houston 9

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Boston 6 Toronto 5 (in 11): Chicago 5 New York 2. Baltimore 10 Milwaukee 7 (in 12): Texas 6 Detroit 2: California 13 Cleveland 8. Oakland 15 Minnesota 5. Kansas City 14 Seattle 10 **Saturday:** Toronto 9 Boston 8 (in 11) Milwaukee 3 Baltimore 5 (in 10): Oakland 12 Minnesota 5. Chicago 7 New York 5. Texas 11 Detroit 7 California 5 Cleveland 6. Seattle 11 Kansas City 1

BASKETBALL

***NATIONAL ASSOCIATION* (NBA): Play-off's. Semi-finals: Eastern Conference:** New York 102 Chicago 99 (OT) (Chicago lead best-of-seven series 2-1). **Western Conference:** Utah 105 San Antonio 75 (Utah lead series 2-1)

BOWLS

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Cambridgeshire 102 Norfolk 132; Huntingdonshire 97 Bedfordshire 131; Suffolk 114 Hertfordshire 109.

MIDLANDS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Derbyshire 113 Nottinghamshire 111; Northants 106 Lincolnshire 107.

INTER-COUNTY: Buckingham 129 Leicestershire 112; Essex 122 Oxfordshire 110: Hampshire 128 Berkshire 99; Warwickshire 110 Surrey 116.

BOXING

NEW YORK: Professional bouts: Heavyweight (12rnds): Lennox Lewis (GB) bt Ray Mercer (US) pts, (12rnds): Tim Witherspoon (US) bt Jorge Luis Gonzales (Cuba) pts. (12rnds) Evander Holyfield (US) bt Bobby Czyz (US) rsc 5th

YORK HALL: British cruiserweight championship (12rnds): Terry Dunstan (Vauxhall, holder) bt John Keeton (Sheffield) rsc 1st. **Heavyweight (6rnds):** Pele Reid (Birmingham) bt Keith Fletcher (Reading) ko 1st. **Light-heavyweight (4rnds):** Ryan Cummings (Islington) bt Nicky Wadman (Brighton) rsc 2nd **Super middleweight (4rnds):** Michael Bowen (West Ham) bt Mark Dawson (Burton) pts; (6rnds): Fredrik Alvarez (Sweden) bt Kevin Burton (Doncaster) ko 1st, (6rnds) Trevor Ambrose (Bournemouth) bt Matt Larsen (Denmark) rsc 2nd (6rnds) **Middleweight:** Ryan Rhodes (Sheffield) bt Martin Jolley (Alfreton) rsc 2nd; (6rnds): Jason Matthews (Islington) bt Peter Vosper (Plymouth) rsc 1st. **Light-middleweight (4rnds):** Wayne Alexander (Croydon) bt Jim Webb (Belfast) rsc 2nd

SEOUL: World Boxing Association junior-lightweight championship (12rds): Choi Yong-soo (S Kor) bt Arlondo Solo (Pan) ko 12th

CYCLING

TOUR OF ROMANDIE: Final stage (174km, Orbe to Geneva): 1, M Cipollini (It) 4hrs 14min, 2, M Traversoni (It), 3, A Gontchenkov (Russ): 4, G Lombardi (It). 5, F Guidi (It), 6, F Simon (Fr): 7, M Manzoni (It): 8, S Martinello (It), 9, A Svakov (Russ): 10, D Bramati (It) all same time. **Final overall placings:** 1, A Olano (Sp) 25hrs 53min 05sec. 2, A Gontchenkov (Russ) at 1:18. 3, G Guerini (Italy) 1:25: 4, D Rebellin (It) 1:36: 5, M Gianetti (Switz) 2:05, 6, E Berzin (Russ) 2:39, 7, B Zberg (Switz) 3:22; 8, P Ugroumov (Lat) 3:53, 9, A Noe (It) 4:21. 10, M Beltran-Martinez (Sp) 4:52

ROAD RACES: Harper's Grand Prix (100 miles): 1, J Bayfield (Controlware RT) 4hr 07min 40sec, 2, D Rand (Team Energy), 3, N Hoban (Gill Airways-Peugeot) all same time **Wyre Forest CRC** (64 miles): 1, I Gilkes (Parker International RT) 2hr 32min 18sec 2, M Ford (Team Stonefield) at 48sec; 3, J Meyer (Parker Int'l) at 48 **John May Memorial** (63 miles): 1, G Adamson (Stratford Wheelers) 2hr 32min 00sec; 2, R Hobby (VC Lincoln); 3, S Felstead (Douglas Valley RC) all same time

TIME-TRIALS: RTTC women's national (10 miles) 1, J Freeman (Easterley RC) 21min 28sec (championship record), 2, S Phillips (Deeside Thistle) 21:31; 3, M Johnson (Oundle Velo) 22:03. **Team:** Oundle Velo 1 08 22. **RTTC Circuit Series: First round:** (50km) 1, R Prebble (Wembley RC) 1hr 06min 49sec. 2, P Longbottom (N Wirral Velo) 1:07 03; 3, S Howes (Team Energy) 1:08:54 **Redmond CC** (73 miles). 1, R Homer (Fareham Wheelers) 3hrs 01min 42sec; 2, E Deane (Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers) 3:07:37, 3, K Tye (West Kent RC) 3:12:09. **Team:** Sydenham Wheelers 10:01:58. **Holme Valley Wheelers** (50 miles). 1, I Cammish (Velo Viento) 1hr 46min 08sec; 2, G Watts (Team Rapide) 1:48 15; 3, P Widsmith (Middridge CRT) 1:49:35. **Team:** Rapide (fastest third rider) 1 57:22. **West Cheshire TTCA** (50 miles) 1, J Howard (Merseyside Wheelers) 1hr 52min 04sec, 2, P Hodgkinson (Crewe Clarion Wheelers) 1:54 30; 3, J Findlay (Lyme RC) 1:57:00. **Team:** Crewe Clarion Wheelers 6:03:40 **Abercynon RC** (50 miles) 1, C Wallace (Hirwaun Wheelers) 1hr 55min 56sec. 2, A Dow (Port Talbot Wheelers) 2:01:07: 3, J Bohm (CT Nevada) 2 02:59. **High Wycombe CC** (25 miles): 1, R Prebble (Wembley RC) 50min 38sec (course record); 2, P Main (Wembley RC) 52.51: 3, E Adkins (Leo RC) 53:16. **Sherwood CC** (25 miles). 1, G Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 52min 02sec, 2, G Dighton (Leo RC) 52:22; 3, A Long (Coalville Wheelers) 53:39. **Team:** Coalville Wheelers 2:40:04. **Banbury Star CC** (25 miles) 1, S Howes (Team Energy) 54min 37sec: 2, A Barber (Sigma Sport) 55:56, 3, R Hagger (Southend and Co Wheelers) 56:55 **Team:** Banbury Star CC 3:08:12. **Wigmore CC** (25 miles): 1, T Stevens (Team 2000) 55min 06sec (course record), 2, M Whitehead (VC Deal) 58 06: 3, A Proffitt (VC Deal) 58:31 **Team:** Team 2000 2hr 53min 18sec **Denny RC** (25 miles) 1, D Gibson (GS Modena) 56min 38sec: 2, G Johnston (Berwick Wheelers) 57 49; 3, S Smith (Bonnyrigg CC) 58:33. **Team:** VC Olympia 3:05:02 **Didcot Phoenix** (25 miles) 1, D Rendell (Cwmcarn Paragon) 56 43; 2, A Millard (Westbury Wheelers) 56 59, 3, R Payn (34 Nomads CC) 57 35 **Dunfermline and District CC** (25 miles) 1, D Millar (VC Astar) 57min 04sec, 2, S Dutt (Johnstone Wheelers) 57:15; 3, D Barnes (Dunfermline and District CC) 58 24. **Addiscombe CC** (25 miles): 1, S Kennedy (Bec CC) 57:07; 2, P Delani (Eastbourne Rovers) 57:52 3, S Willis (Eastbourne Rovers) 57:59 **Team:** Eastbourne Rovers 2:55:33 **Musselburgh RCC** (25 miles) 1, C Rhise (Shetland Wheelers) 57min 44sec, 2, P Hutton (Penicuik RT) 59:46: 3, D Henderson (Hawick CC) 1:00:49 **Team:** Penicuik RT 3:05.30 **Congleton CC** (25 miles): 1 N Rothwell (VC La Motta) 57min 47sec. 2, W Roberts (ABC Centreville) 58:21; 3, S Lloyd (Warrington RC) 59 02 **Team:** ABC Centreville 2:59.23 **Weardale RC** (16 miles): 1, N Jackson (Cleveland Wheelers) 36min 48sec (course record). 2, J Hewison (Teesdale CRC) 38:17: 3, I Murray (Stockton Wheelers) 38 52 **RCC** (15.5 miles): 1, D Willetts (CC Giro) 31min 19sec 2, G Thomas (Team Ambrosia) 31:27, 3, L Rathbone (Tamworth RCC) 31:56. **Team:** Walsall RCC 1:41:25 **Carnoustie CC** (10 miles). 1, G Harris (Angus CC) 22:00, 2, G McLean (Carnoustie CC) 22:45; 3, J Landragon (Deeside Thistle) 23:03.

EQUESTRIANISM

WINDSOR: Royal Horse Show: The Classic: 1, Renville (J Fisher) clear, 39.73sec. 2, Ashley (M Whitaker) 4 faults, 39.29; 3, Pebble Beach (R Hoekstra) 4 faults, 40.49; 4, Vantage (G Luckett) 8 faults, 38.31. **Harrod's International Driving Grand Prix** (positions after two phases): **Horse teams:** 1, G Bowman (GB) 127.6pts; 2, H de Ruyter (Holland) 135.7, 3, C Iseli (Austria) 148.7 **Pony teams:** 1, P Gammell (GB) 145pts; 2, G Frith (GB) 149; 3, A van de Kamp (Holland) 154.2. **Shoosmith and Harrison Men's Championship:** 1, Northern Wing (B Taylor, SA) clear, 43.54sec; 2, Bowriver Queen (J Fisher, GB) clear, 48.51; 3, Flip (D McPherson, SA) 4 faults, 43.36.

GOLF

IRVING, Texas: Men's tournament: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): **199:** P Mickelson 67, 65, 67. **200:** C Rymer 68, 71, 61, M Wiebe 68, 69, 63, C Pavin 67, 66, 67. **202:** B Ogle (Aus) 70, 68, 64; J Sluman 69, 68, 65, J Haas 69, 68, 65; C Parry (Aus) 70, 67, 66; S Elkington (Aus) 67, 69, 66, N Price (Zim) 67, 66, 69. **203:** G Day 71, 67, 65, A Doyle 68, 69, 66; D Duval 71, 64, 68 **204:** H Sutton 69, 69, 66, S Dunlap 69, 68, 67 J Maggert 67, 71, 66, M Heinen 68, 70, 66; M Brooks 64, 70, 70. **205:** F Allem (SA) 71, 67, 67 D Edwards 69, 68, 68 J Maginnes 73, 66, 66; M Standly 69, 68, 68. D A Weibring 70, 69, 66, G Morgan 72, 64, 69; J Morse 70, 65, 70; J Cook 65, 70, 70; B Chamblee 73, 62, 70, J Furyk 67, 73, 65, M Brisky 66, 67, 72. **Other scores: 206:** E Els (SA) 69, 67, 70 **207:** S Rintoul (Aus) 69, 70, 68. **208:** D Frost (SA) 69, 66, 73 **209:** D Feherty (N Ire) 69, 69, 71.

AROEIRA CLUB, Lisbon: Women's tournament: Leading second-round scores: (GB and Ire unless stated, par 72) **141:** C Duffy 71, 70 **143:** M-G Estuesta (Phil) 80 84: D Reid 70, 73. **144:** H Koch (Swe) 69, 75. **145:** J Forbes 74, 71: A Gottmo (Swe) 69, 76; C Hall 70, 75: C Dibnah (Aus) 76, 69 C Sorenstam (Swe) 72, 73; P Meunier Leboeuc (Fr) 72, 73: L Lambert (Aus) 72, 73

ALPHARETTA, Georgia: Nationwide seniors championship: Leading second-round scores: 136: B Charles 65, 71 **137:** J Colbert 71, 66, B Stroble 69, 68. **138:** B Murphy 68, 70 **139:** I Aoki 71, 68. H Henning 70, 69; G Marsh 68, 71 **140:** L Gilbert 69, 71, B Crampton 68, 72; D Bies 68, 72 **141:** T Weiskopf 72, 69. T Dill 72, 69. B Dickson 71, 70, S Hobday 70, 71: D Douglass 70, 71; J Sigel 69, 72; J Jacobs 68, 73 **142:** G Gilbert 72, 70. L Trevino 72, 70: J P Cain 71, 71; T Aaron 71, 71: B Eastwood 71, 71, J Bland 69, 73; H Irwin 69, 73 **143:** B Allin 73, 70; J Kiefer 73, 70; L Ziegler 71, 72.

SUNNINGDALE: International tournament: England v France **Foursomes** (England names first): R Walpole (Farnham) and P Nelson (Remshaw Park) bt F Eyraud and J De Polo two holes: M Reynard (Moseley) and P Streeter (Stamford) bt F Illoux and F Stolear 3 and 2: C Edwards (Bath) and L Donald (Beaconsfield) lost to J Bourg and J Chevalier 3 and 1: M Blackey (Hayling) and J Knight (Sandford Springs) lost to C Ravetto and O David 2 and 1 (England 2 France 2: France lead 10-6 with eight singles to play).

DALMAHOY: Gillespie Scottish PGA championship: Leading third round scores: 204: B Marchbank (Marchbank Golf Enterprises) 69, 67, 68. **207:** A Raitt (St Georges Hill) 69, 68, 70 **209:** R Russell (Longniddry) 70, 67, 72 **210:** A Tait (Cawder) 70, 67, 73: S Stephen (Braid Hills) 68, 72, 70, K Stables (Montrose) 72, 70, 68 **211:** A Oldcorn (Dalmahoy) 70, 69, 72, G Law (Uphall) 72, 72, 67 **212:** W Guy (Buchanan Castle) 70, 71, 71. **213:** R Weir (Cowal) 69, 72, 72; G Redford (Turnberry Hotel) 70, 72, 71 **214:** D Robertson (Team Sweater Shop) 70, 71, 73, C Scott (Saltburne Pk) 71, 71, 72 N McGill (Kin James VI) 75, 67, 72. B Longmuir (Stonyhill) 74, 63, 71 I Young (Braid Hills) 73, 75, 66; J Chillas (Glenbervie) 72, 75, 67

WILMINGTON, Delaware: LPGA Championship: Leading Second-round scores (US unless stated) **140:** K Robbins 69, 71. **141:** H Kobayashi (Japan) 71, 70. **142:** V Skinner 73, 69, J Briles-Hinton 73, 69, K Parker-Gregory 72, 70. A Sorenstam (Swe) 69, 73 **143:** J Crafter (Aus) 75, 68; L Davies (GB) 72, 71, K Albers 72, 71; M Nause 71, 72: N Lopez 70, 73, J Inkster 70, 73 S Furlong 70, 73 **144:** C Pierce (GB) 75, 69; D Richard (Can) 74, 70; E Dahllof (Swe) 72, 72. **145:** L Neumann (Swe) 74, 71; S Croce (It) 73, 72; G Graham (Can) 69, 76 **146:** S Strudwick (GB) 75, 71; K Marshall (GB) 73, 73; K Webb (Aus) 71, 75; M Hirase (Japan) 69, 77 **147:** C H J Koch (Swe) 73, 74. **148:** M Lunn (Aus) 76, 72; A M Palli (Fr) 75, 73; A Dibos (Spa) 71, 77 Did not qualify: **149:** J Lidback (Peru) 73, 76, S Little (Aus) 72, 77 H Alfredsson (Swe) 70, 79

HOCKEY

Malaysia: Sultan Azlan Shah Cup: Finals: Fifth place: India 4 Holland 2. Bronze: Malaysia 0 Britain 0 (Malaysia win 4-3 on penalty strokes) Championship: South Korea 0 Australia 0 (South Korea win 4-2 on penalty strokes)

MILTON KEYNES: AEWHA Under-19 club championship: Olton 4 East Grinstead 0. Portishead 1 Bradford 0; Olton 1 Harleston Magpies 0; Bradford 1 Grinstead 0 Harleston 1 Portishead 1: Olton 3 Bradford 1; Harleston 2 Grinstead 0 Olton 2 Portishead 0; Harleston 2 Bradford 1 Portishead 1 Grinstead 2. **Standings:** 1 Olton 12pts 2 Harleston 7 3 Portishead 4 4, Bradford 3 5 E Grinstead 3

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup Play-off's: Semi-finals: Eastern Conference: Pittsburgh 7 New York Rangers 3 (Pittsburgh win best-of-seven series 4-1) **Western Conference:** Colorado 4 Chicago 1 (Colorado lead series 3-2)

MOTORCYCLING

HOCKENHEIM: World superbike championship: Round three: First race: 1, A Slight (NZ, Honda) 29min 25.33sec; 2, J Kocinski (US, Ducati) 29 30.27 3, C Edwards (US, Yamaha) 29 31.91, 4, S Crafar (NZ, Kawasaki) 29 42.14 5, C Fogarty (GB, Honda) 29 53.56 6, A Gobert (Aus, Kawasaki) 29 53.60 **Second race:** 1, C Fogarty (GB, Honda) 28 43.77 2, A Slight (NZ, Honda) 29 44.07, 3, J Kocinski (US, Ducati) 29 44.30: 4, S Crafar (NZ, Kawasaki) 28 45.16 5, C Edwards (US, Yamaha) 28 58.56 6, P Casoli (It, Ducati) 29 01.55 **World championship positions:** 1, J Kocinski (US, Ducati) 105 pts 2, A Slight (NZ, Honda) 97; 3, T Corser (Aus, Ducati) 90 4, C Fogarty (GB, Honda) 72 5, S Crafar (NZ, Kawasaki) 72 6, C Edwards (US, Yamaha) 64

JEREZ: Spanish Grand Prix (2.75 miles): **500cc:** 1, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 47min 28.084sec 2, L Cadalora (It, Honda) 47.30.741; 3, T Okada (Japan, Yamaha) 47:42.708 4, L Capirossi (It, Yamaha) 47.45.094 5, A Puig (Sp, Honda) 47:49.598, 6, K Roberts (US, Yamaha) 47:49.878 7, J M Bayle (Fr, Yamaha) 47:54.376, 8, A Barros (Br, Honda) 48.6.194 9, S Itoh (Japan, Honda) 48.6.509 10, C Checa (Sp, Honda) 48.17.542 **Positions.** 1, Doohan 71pts. 2, Cadalora 56, 3, Barros 48 pts **250cc:** 1, M Biaggi (It, Aprilia) 46min 6.154sec: 2, T Harada (Japan, Yamaha) 46 18.392; 3, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 46.21.620. **Positions:** 1, M Biaggi (It) 95pts 2, T Harada (Japan) 65 3, L D'Antin (Sp) 46. **125cc:** 1, H Aoki (Japan, Honda) 42min 34.978sec; 2, E Alzamora (Sp, Honda) 42.35.003, 3, N Ueda (Japan, Honda) 42.35.094 **Positions:** 1, Aoki 95pts; 2, Tokudome 73, 3, Ueda 49

REAL TENNIS

BRITISH PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (GB unless stated) **Quarter finals:** W. Davies (Australia) bt H Latham 6-2 6-1 6-1 M Gooding bt N Wood 6-6, 6-5, 6-2 6-3 P Tabley (Australia) bt C Bray 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 2-6, 6-2; R Gunn bt L Deuchar 6-5, 4-6 5-6 6-1, 6-4 **Semi-finals:** Davies bt Gooding 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 6-2, Tabley bt Gunn 6-4, 6-4, 6-2

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: Spring Meeting (1,000, 1,100 & 1,200yds): 1, S Abbot 214.23; 2, A Meldrum 214.22 3, D Friend 211.25 **Martin Whale Cup** (Sunday Agg) 1, Meldrum 215pts; 2, S Collings 213 3, C O'Brien 212 **Ranken Memorial Cup** (1,200yds Agg) 1, Meldrum 143 2, D Dashwood 140, 3, P Personne 137 **English Cup:** Collings 423. **Scottish Cup:** Meldrum 429 **Welsh Cup.** Mrs L Bristar 406

Astor County Championship Heats: City of London: 1, Stock Exchange 615.17 (S Penrose 104.18 **County of London:** 1 BBC RC 587.55 (C Taylor 102.12)

SCHOOLS SPORT

CRICKET: *Aldenham XI 113 Merchant Taylors, Northwood, 116-3; *Aldenham XI 130-5 Westminster 59-0 Bishop's Stortford College 132 *Berkhamsted 109; Blue School, Wales, 128 *Wells Cathedral 131-3. *Brentwood 182-8dec Framlingham 183-4 (C Clementson 103 n/o) Brighton 227-7dec (J Crown 128) *Whitgift 231-6, *Cheltenham 255-7dec (T Lacey 100 n/o) Malvern 199-6 Chigwell 121 *Haileybury 124-0 Christ's, Finchley, 141 *Aldenham XI 124-3, *Clifton 271-5dec Marlborough 183-6, Colfe's 213-5 *Bancroft 134 *Colston's 136 Christ's, Brecon, 125 (J Tucker 5-48); *Cranbrook 254-2dec (B Furnival 175) Kent College 96 Dr Challoner's 122-8dec *John Lyon's 123-7. Eastbourne 205-4dec *King's, Canterbury, 143-3, *Epsom 202 Seaford 155-8; Gresham's 193 *Perse 110; *Hampton 221-8 (P Frost 100 n/o) Latymer 96-6, Hurstpierpoint 120 *Cranleigh 122-4, Kimbolton 170-9 *Wellingborough 104-8; *King's, Rochester, 186-7dec Caterham 187-8 *Maidstone GS 136 Sevenoaks 110; MCC 191-7dec *Oratory 195-3; Prior Park 294-9dec (122 A Atkins) *King Edward's, Bath, 94, Repton 273-5 *Bromsgrove 215-8 St Benedict's 182 *St George's, Weybridge, 184-9; *Stowe 86 Bradfield 87-2 Tiffin 188 *Trinity, Croydon, 189-8, *Tonbridge 233-3dec Dulwich 108, *Uppingham 113 Felsted 114-6; Wolverhampton GS 144 *Newcastle-U-Lyme 118-9; Worth 147 *Lancing 148-5, Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree, 239-9dec UCS 207-6 (Match drawn) (*notes home side)

SWIMMING: Bath Cup: Boys: 4 x 100m freestyle: 1, Campbell College, Belfast, 3min 49.80sec, 2, Trinity School, Croydon, 3 54.80; 3, Nottingham HS, 3.56.13. **Otter 4 x 50m medley relay:** 1, Leeds GS, 1.59.46, 2, Nottingham HS, 2.00.78; 3, Royal Gordons College, Aberdeen, 2.01.11. **Girls: 4 x 50m freestyle:** 1, City of London Freemen's School, 2 03.27; 2, Epsom College, 2 04.22, 3, Alleyns, 2.06.20 **4 x 50m medley relay:** 1, Epsom College, 2 20.27; 2, City of London Freemen's School, 2 21.19, 3, Alleyns, 2.25.06

FOOTBALL: London Cup Final: Sussex 2 Essex 0 **Southern Counties Cup: Final:** St Albans 2 Hackney 1 **Rangers Cup: Final:** Islington 7 South London 2 **Essex Wood Cup: Final:** Barking Abbey 2 Hyams Park 1. **Cotswold League:** Forest of Dene 1 Mid Oxon 2 **Bexley Girls Sevens Championships:** Hurst 0 Bedonwell 2; Danson 0 Birkbeck 0; Hurst 0 Birkbeck 0; Bedonwell 0 Danson 0; Hurst 0 Danson 0, Bedonwell Birkbeck 1, Old Bexley 1 Saint Fidelis 1; Westwood 0 Royal Park 0, Old Bexley 2 Westwood 1; St Fidelis 0 Royal Park 1; Old Bexley 1; Royal Park 0; Westwood 0 St Fidelis 1 **Final:** Birkbeck 0 Old Bexley 1

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Eastbourne 52 Reading 44, Bradford 51 Belle Vue 45, Coventry 44 Swindon 52: Cradley Heath and Stoke 55 Scottish Monarchs 41

FOOTBALL

FA Cup

Final

LIVERPOOL (0) 0 MAN UTD (0) 1
79,007 Cantona 85

Liverpool: James, Jones (sub. Thomas, 86min), McAteer, Wright, Babb, Collymore (sub Rush, 74min), Barnes, Scales, Redknapp, McManaman, Fowler

Manchester United: Schmeichel, Irwin, Pallister, Cantona, Giggs, May, Keane, Butt, Cole (sub: Scholes, 63min), P Neville, Beckham (sub: G Neville, 89min).

Booked: Babb, Redknapp, P Neville

Referee: D Gallagher.

(at Wembley)

Endsleigh Insurance League

Play offs: Semi-finals, first leg

First division

CHARLTON (1) 1 C PALACE (0) 2
Newton 1 Brown 64
14,618 Veart 71

LEICESTER (0) 0 STOKE (0) 0
20,325

Second division

BRADFORD (0) 0 BLACKPOOL (0) 2
14,273 Ellis 71
Bonner 78

CREWE (2) 2 NOTTS CO (0) 2
Little 3 Finnan 55
Rivers 17 Martindale 69
4,931

Third division

COLCHESTER (1) 1 PLYMOUTH (0) 0
Kinsella 45 6,511

HEREFORD (1) 1 DARLINGTON (2) 2
Smith 2 Gregan 27
6,622 Blake 37

Bell's Scottish League

Play off, first leg

PARTICK (1) 1 DUNDEE UTD (0) 1
Lyons 19 Dailly 86
10,500

FA Vase

Final

BRIGG TOWN (1) 3 CLITHEROE (0) 0
Spead 37 7,340
Stead 64 (pen)
Lampkin 86 (og)
(at Wembley)

LEAGUE OF WALES: League Cup: Final: Ebbw Vale 0 Connah's Quay 1

***ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE:** Premier division:* Brentwood 2 Sawbridgeworth 1

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cranleigh 6 Hartley Wintney 2, Eton Wick 2 Netherne 2, Peppard 3 Viking Sports 0; Reading 0 Ashford 3: Sandhurst 3 Chipstead 2.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Toddington 2 Biggleswade 1.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Coleshill 0 Massey Ferguson 0; Highgate 3 Chelmsley 2, Kings Heath 2 West Midland Fire Service 0, Olton Royale 2 Handrahan Timbers 2: Meir KA 0 Coventry Sphinx 4, Shirley 1 Wellesbourne 3; Southam 1 Studley B K L 1; Upton 3 Alvechurch Villa 0

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: West Ham 2 Oxford Utd 1

***FAI HARP LAGER CUP:** Final replay:* St Patricks Ath 1 Shelbourne 2 (at Dalymount Park, Dublin).

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Ignatians 2 Old Tenisonians 2 Senior first division: Old Tiffinians 1 Old Kingsburians 0; Old Vaughanians 2 Phoenix Old Boys 0. Senior third division: Old Vaughanians 2 Old Dorkinians 2.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Tottenham Hotspur 0 Watford 2

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National league: Croydon 3 Doncaster Belles 1; Liverpool F C Ladies 1 Croydon 1

UEFA UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Portugal 1 France 0 (in Vienna)

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 3 Padova 0; Bari 2 Juventus 2, Cagliari 2 Parma 0; Milan 7 Cremonese 1, Napoli 2 Udinese 1; Piacenza 0 Fiorentina 1, Roma 1 Inter 0. Torino 0 Lazio 2: Vicenza 2 Sampdoria 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Milan	34	21	10	3	60	23	73
Juventus	34	19	8	7	58	35	65
Lazio	34	17	8	9	65	38	59
Fiorentina	34	17	8	9	53	40	59
Parma	34	16	10	8	44	31	58
Roma	34	16	10	8	51	34	58
Inter	34	15	9	10	51	30	54
Sampdoria	34	14	10	10	59	47	52
Vicenza	34	13	10	11	36	37	49
Udinese	34	11	8	15	40	49	41
Cagliari	34	11	8	15	34	47	41
Napoli	34	10	11	13	27	40	41
Atalanta	34	11	6	17	38	49	39
Piacenza	34	9	10	15	31	48	37
Bari	34	8	8	18	49	71	32
Torino	34	6	11	17	28	46	29
Cremonese	34	5	12	17	37	56	27
Padova	34	7	3	24	40	79	24

GERMAN LEAGUE: first division Freiburg 2 Bayer Leverkusen 1, Cologne 1 Werder Bremen 2, Schalke 2 Bayern Munich 1, Fortuna Duesseldorf 2 Eintracht Frankfurt 2, Hamburg 3 VfB Stuttgart 0; Karlsruhe 2 St Pauli 2: Uerdingen 0 Borussia Mönchengladbach 2; 1860 Munich 2 Borussia Dortmund 2: Kaiserslautern 2 Hansa Rostock 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Borussia D	33	18	11	4	73	36	65
Bayern Munich	33	19	4	10	64	44	61
Schalke	33	13	14	6	43	35	53
Monchengladbach	33	15	8	10	52	49	53
Hansa Rostock	33	13	10	10	47	42	49
Karlsruher SC	33	12	12	9	52	44	48
Hamburger SV	33	11	14	8	48	46	47
Werder Bremen	33	10	14	9	38	40	44
1860 Munich	33	10	12	11	50	46	42
SC Freiburg	33	11	9	13	28	38	42
VfB Stuttgart	33	9	13	11	56	61	40
Fortuna	33	8	15	10	38	45	39
FC St Pauli	33	9	11	13	43	49	38
Bayer Leverkusen	33	8	13	12	36	37	37
FC Cologne	33	8	13	12	32	35	37
FC Kaiserslautern	33	6	17	10	30	36	35
Eintracht Frankfurt	33	7	11	15	42	64	32
KFC Uerdingen	33	4	11	18	31	56	23

FRENCH LEAGUE: Guingamp 1 Auxerre 1; Nantes 1 Metz 0: Bordeaux 2 Paris Saint-Germain 2, Monaco 5 Strasbourg 1. Cannes 5 Lens 1, Montpellier 2 Le Havre 0, Gueugnon 1 Rennes 0; Lille 2 Lyon 1, Bastia 1 Nice 2: St Etienne 2 Martigues 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Auxerre	37	21	6	10	64	29	69
Paris SG	37	18	11	8	60	35	65
Monaco	37	18	11	8	61	37	65
Metz	37	18	11	8	41	28	65
Lens	37	16	14	7	44	30	62
Montpellier	37	17	9	11	51	39	60
Nantes	37	14	13	10	43	40	55
Rennes	37	13	15	9	42	38	54
Guingamp	37	13	14	10	33	31	53
Strasbourg	37	13	12	12	46	44	51
Lyon	37	9	18	10	40	41	45
Bastia	37	12	9	16	44	49	45
Cannes	37	12	8	17	45	50	44
Le Havre	37	11	11	15	37	44	44
Nice	37	10	10	17	34	44	40
Bordeaux	37	10	9	18	42	52	39
Lille	37	9	12	16	27	48	39
Gueugnon	37	7	14	16	25	45	35
Saint-Etienne	37	6	16	15	36	57	34
Martigues	37	8	7	22	29	57	31

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Waregem 2 Saint-Truiden 1, Ekeren 5 Seraing 0; Charleroi 1 FC Bruges 3, Aalst 3 FC Mechelen 2; RWD Molenbeek 0 Anderlecht 0, Lierse 3 Beveren 1, Cercle Bruges 2 Harelbeke 1, Standard Liege 1 Antwerp 0; Ghent 2 Lommel 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Bruges	34	25	6	3	83	30	81
Anderlecht	34	22	5	7	83	37	71
Ekeren	34	15	8	11	53	37	53
RWDM	34	13	14	7	43	29	53
Lierse	34	14	10	10	54	45	52
Standard Liege	34	13	12	9	51	46	51
Charleroi	34	13	11	10	59	53	50
Cercle Bruges	34	13	10	11	51	47	49
Lommel	34	14	6	14	40	45	48
FC Mechelen	34	12	8	14	40	46	44
Harelbeke	34	13	4	17	40	48	43
Aalst	34	11	9	14	55	50	42
FC Antwerp	34	11	9	14	38	46	42
AA Ghent	34	10	11	13	39	49	41
Sint Truiden	34	11	7	16	42	60	40
Seraing	34	8	5	21	35	79	29
Beveren	34	6	9	19	38	57	27
Waregem	34	4	9	21	30	70	21

Iswarapatham, of Malaysia, scores against Mason, of Britain, in the penalty shoot-out for third place in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup. Report: page 24. Photograph: David Loh

CLUB CRICKET

NORTH WALES LEAGUE: Hawarden Park 96 Bersham 100-7; Brymbo 259-4 Llandudno 83; Llay 197-8 Connahs Quay 188. Mochdre 180-6 Halkyn 181-3. *Pontblyddyn 200-7 Bangor 167-8;* Shotton 91-9 Bethesda 93-5

MIDLAND COMBINED COUNTIES: Four Oaks Saints 183-6 Worcester Norton Taverners 184-7, Hampton 200-8 Highway 124; Kenilworth 214-5, Pelsall 144-8. Old Edwardians 189-7 Aldridge 117; Streetly 145-8 Droitwich 86, Walmley 197-7 Redditch 122.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE: Aston Unity 201-7 Wolverhampton 152-4, Coventry and N Warwickshire 159-8 Smethwick 163-6, Moseley 219 Walsall 68-4; Old Hill 243-7 West Bromwich Dartmouth 204; Stourbridge 208-6 Kidderminster 210-4. Stratford 168-8 Barnt Green 169-4.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Bedworth 174-9 *Hinckley 173, Burton 226-9 Water Orton 144-9;* Lutterworth 214-5 Leicester Ivanhoe 73; Nuneaton 164 Blossomfield 165-2

NORWICH UNION NORFOLK ALLIANCE: Horsford 189-5 Cromer 191-5. North Barleycorns 188 Swardeston 189-5: Vauxhall Mallards 175 North Wanderers 177-4, Downham 159 *North Runcton 160-8,* Ingham 158-7 Buckenham 159-4

A P S TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: *Maldon 171-9 Witham 80* Clacton 228-3 Mildenhall 164, Sudbury 198-8 Halstead 199-6.

THOMAS ARMSTRONG LTD CUMBRIA LEAGUE: British Steel 175 Appleby 177-6; Workington 150-8 Cleator 116-7; Edenhall 219-7 Keswick *113-9; Penrith 127 Wigton 129-6; Temple Sowerby 157 Egremont 158-4,* Scotby 56 Cockermouth 57-2

FURROWS SHROPSHIRE LEAGUE: Bridgnorth 151-6 St Georges 150-9. Whitchurch 184-9 Shrewsbury 75-2, Wroxeter 187-7 Oswestry 171-6.

WOOLWICH KENT LEAGUE: Tunbridge Wells 187-7 Ashford 189-7; Beckenham 102-9 St Lawrence 105-8 Bexley 187 Sevenoaks Vine 188-8; Blackheath 187 Bromley 188-5. Chestfield 188 Gravesend 56. Dover 95 Dartford 96-1: Folkestone 229-1 *Midland Bank 154:* Gore Court 68 Hayes 68. Holmesdale 144 The Mote 145-3

DERBYSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY LEAGUE: Denby 238-6 West Hallam 167-0: Ilkeston 232-8 Langley Mill 153-7, Morton 191 Sawley 195-8, Quarndon 114 A and B 115-1. Spondon 183-7 Wirksworth 182; Ockbrook 249-7 Stainsby Hall 180-6.

BRYAN HERTFORDSHIRE LEAGUE: Hitchin 219-8 Letchworth 208-6. Langleybury 155 North Mymms 157-3; Hoddesdon 160 Luton Town 163-6. West Herts 158-8 Radlett 159-2 Sawbridgeworth 295-8 Welwyn Garden City 180-6: Hemel Hempstead 221-3 Bishop's Stortford 225-5, Potters Bar 152-9 Cheshunt 156-4, Stevenage 270-4 Barnet 133.

LEES BREWERY LEAGUE: Cheetham *Hill 194-7 Roe Green 155; Thornham* 232-3 Denton 151, Glossop 145-7 Dukinfield 142-3; Irlam 150-8 Denton West 152-2; Prestwich 201-3 Woodhouses 198-7. Sale Moor 98 Denton St Law 100-7; Woodbank 114 Longsight 81

LITTLEWOODS LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT: Bootle *161-7* dec Huyton 143-9. Chester Boughton Hall198-4 dec Northop Hall 171; Formby 171 Liverpool 126. Leigh 181-7 dec Birkenhead Park 152-9; Southport and Birkdale 140-9 dec Marchwiel 98, Colwyn Bay 182-7 dec Ormskirk 111-8. St Helens 206-4 dec Oxton *190-7;* St Helens Recs 120 New Brighton 108-9. Wallasey 203-0 dec Hightown 162-9.

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE Cherry Tree 145 Barnoldswick 182-9; Edenfield 207-8 Settle 213-2; Clitheroe 99 Earby 101-1. Blackburn N 165 Ribblesdale W 166-8; Baxenden 175-9 Whalley 157: Read 244-9 Osw.Immanuel 149. Great Harwood 247-7 Padiham 129

NUCLEAR ELECTRIC SOUTH LAKELAND LEAGUE: Galgate 128-8 Ingleton 129-8, Burneside 194-6 Warton 145-7. Trimpell 148-9 Bolton Le Sands 139-9. Shireshead 103-6 Arnside 178-8. Westgate 157-6 Sedgwick 158-6, Holme 110-7 Windermere 131-9

RUGBY UNION

Under-21 international

Italy 8 England 39

Italy: Try: Zenconato Dropped goal: Mazzanol England: Tries: Rees 2, Thompson Benton, Luger. Cons: Jones 3 Sampson Pen: Jones Dropped goal: Jones

(in Paese)

Heineken League

First division

Llanelli 56 Newport 22

Llanelli: Tries: Boobyer, D Evans 3, G Evans, Moon, Proctor 4 Cons. Pearce 3. Newport: Tries: Davies, G Rees, Pailrey Cons: G Rees 2 Pen. G Rees

Treorchy 31 Neath 58

Treorchy: Tries: D Evans, Lewis, Lloyd, P Jones, Pask. Cons: D Evans 2, P Jones Neath: Tries: Boobyer 2, Case 2 Gerard, Glyn Llewellyn, M Morris, Robin Jones, Thorburn, Woodland. Cons. Boobyer, Thorburn 3

	P	W	D	L	T	B	Pts
Neath	21	16	1	4	114	34	67
Cardiff	21	17	1	3	108	32	67
Pontypridd	21	16	1	4	94	27	60
Llanelli	21	15	0	6	87	29	59
Bridgend	22	12	1	9	73	22	47
Swansea	22	11	0	11	83	22	44
Ebbw Vale	22	11	0	11	44	6	30
Newport	22	10	1	11	43	9	30
Newbridge	22	9	0	13	47	11	29
Treorchy	22	5	1	16	45	10	21
Aberavon	22	3	0	19	38	8	14
Abertillery	22	2	0	20	43	8	12

THIRD DIVISION: Cardiff Inst 15 Blackwood 17

Tennents Cup

Final

Watsonians 15 Hawick 17

Watsonians: Tries: Hodge, S Hastings Con: Hodge. Pen: Hodge Hawick: Tries: Imrie, Turnbull, Welsh Con: Welsh.
(at Murrayfield)

TENNENTS BOWL: Final: Edinburgh Acads 28 Selkirk 21 (at Murrayfield)

TENNENTS SHIELD: Final: Currie 73 Stirling County 20 (at Murrayfield)

Middlesex Sevens

FIRST ROUND: Stirling County 29 Haywards Heath 10. Wasps 33 Bristol 12; Orrell 45 Malaysia 7; Blackheath 14 Wakefield 5. Wigan 48 Richmond 5, Harlequins 35 Gloucester 5: Sale 22 Saracens 21: Leicester 26 London Scottish 22

Quarter-finals

Wasps	24	Stirling County	12
Orrell	31	Blackheath	15
Wigan	36	Harlequins	24
Leicester	31	Sale	5

Semi-finals

Wasps	21	Orrell	12
Wigan	35	Leicester	12

Final

Wigan 38 Wasps 15

PLATE: First round: Bristol 46 Haywards Heath 19. Wakefield 45 Malaysia 5. Richmond 40 Gloucester 7, Saracens 26 London Scottish 14. Semi-finals: Wakefield 22 Bristol 12; Richmond 26 Saracens 12 Final: Wakefield 31 Richmond 19
(at Twickenham)

SUPER 12 TOURNAMENT: Western Province 7 Northern Transvaal 35 (in Cape Town), New South Wales 52 Wellington 25 (in Sydney), Transvaal 16 Queensland 25 (in Johannesburg). Natal 23 Auckland 30 (in Durban): Australian Capital Territory 70 Otago 26 (in Canberra)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queensland	11	9	0	2	320	247	41
Auckland	11	8	0	3	408	354	41
N Transvaal	11	8	0	3	329	208	38
Natal	11	6	0	5	389	277	33
ACT	11	7	0	4	306	273	32
Waikato	11	6	0	5	291	269	28
N S Wales	11	5	0	6	312	290	28
Otago	11	5	0	6	332	391	28
Wellington	11	3	0	8	290	356	17
Transvaal	11	3	0	8	233	299	16
W Province	11	3	1	7	251	353	15
Canterbury	11	2	1	8	234	378	13

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League

Warrington 36 Sheffield 26

Warrington: Tries: Harris 2, Knott, Penny, Swann Goals: Harris 6 Sheffield: Tries: Hay, Lawless, Senior, Sheridan, Sodje Goals: Aston 3 Att: 3,906

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	6	6	0	0	271	116	12
Wigan	6	5	0	1	250	93	10
Warrington	7	5	0	2	193	186	10
London	6	4	0	2	189	129	8
Sheffield	7	4	0	3	220	178	8
Bradford	7	4	0	3	177	154	8
Oldham	7	3	1	3	151	234	7
Paris	7	2	1	4	156	262	5
Leeds	7	2	0	5	177	182	4
Castleford	6	2	0	4	120	156	4
Halifax	6	0	1	5	130	156	1
Workington	6	0	1	5	92	271	1

First division

Dewsbury 14 Whitehaven 16

Dewsbury: Tries: Conway, Delaney Goals: Eaton 3 Whitehaven: Tries: Edwards, Kiddie, Seeds Goals: Anderson, Fenlon Att: 920

Hull 30 Salford 28

Hull: Tries: Aston, Divorty 2 Fisher, Bai. Goals: Hewitt 5. Salford: Tries: Blakeley 2 Lea, McAvoy Goals: Blakeley 6 Att: 3,354

Keighley 22 Featherstone 22

Keighley: Tries: Doorey, King, Whakarau Goals: Dixon 5. Featherstone: Tries: Hughes, Jackson, Powell, Rombo Goals: Pearson 2 Dropped goals: Fox 2. Att: 5,197

Wakefield 46 Rochdale 6

Wakefield: Tries: Allen, Davis 2, Foai, Grigg, Kuiti, McDonald, Wray 2 Goals: Davis 4, Foai Rochdale: Try: Churm Goal: Agar Att: 2,023

Widnes 21 Huddersfield 6

Widnes: Tries: Collier, Cooper, Devereux Goals: Tyrer 4 Dropped goal: Tyrer Huddersfield: Try: Marsden Goal: Austin Att: 3,260

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Featherstone	7	5	1	1	225	107	11
Keighley	6	5	1	0	174	86	11
Salford	6	5	0	1	206	121	10
Huddersfield	8	5	0	3	197	117	10
Widnes	6	4	0	2	149	104	8
Hull	6	3	0	3	166	126	6
Dewsbury	6	2	1	3	70	160	5
Wakefield	6	2	0	4	124	149	4
Batley	6	1	2	3	68	142	4
Whitehaven	8	1	0	7	77	259	2
Rochdale	7	0	1	6	112	197	1

Second division

Carlisle 38 Prescot 6

Carlisle: Tries: Cusack, Kavanagh, Manihera, Manning, Richardson 2. Goals: Richardson 7 Prescot: Try: Deakin Goal: Fanning Att: 490

Doncaster 16 Hull K R 44

Doncaster: Tries: Coult, Levine, Moore Goals: Chappell 2 Hull K R: Tries: Atkins 2, C Harrison, D'Arcy, G Brown, Hoe, M Fletcher, Stewart Goals: M Fletcher 6 Att: 1,338

Leigh 42 York 16

Leigh: Tries: Ball, Hadcroft, Lyon 2, Mason, Purtill, Quigley Goals: Purtill 7. York: Tries: Cain, Mower, Smith Goals: Smirk 2 Att: 968

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull K R	7	7	0	0	396	97	14
Carlisle	7	6	0	1	251	98	12
Hunslet	7	6	0	1	224	110	12
Swinton	6	4	0	2	198	96	8
Doncaster	7	4	0	3	207	175	8
South Wales	6	3	0	3	93	168	6
York	7	3	0	4	123	213	6
Leigh	7	2	0	5	199	174	4
Bramley	6	2	0	4	120	159	4
Prescot	7	2	0	5	112	229	4
Barrow	7	1	0	6	88	214	2
Chorley	6	0	0	6	88	386	0

National Conference League

Premier division

West Hull	28	Wigan St Patricks	8
Woolston	51	Millom	8
Dudley Hill	58	Egremont	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Woolston	20	17	0	3	563	233	34
Wigan St Pat	21	15	0	6	543	297	30
Saddleworth	22	15	0	7	450	301	30
West Hull	21	14	1	6	476	327	29
Heworth	20	14	1	5	393	283	29
Mayfield	22	10	1	11	343	330	21
Leigh M W	22	9	1	12	498	425	19
Lock Lane	22	9	0	13	296	418	18
Dudley Hill	22	7	1	14	393	513	15
Egremont	21	7	0	14	264	569	14
Millom	21	4	1	16	305	497	9
Hemel H	22	4	0	18	290	619	8

First division

Walney Central	15	Eastmoor	18
Thornhill	14	Oldham St A	43

Second division

Ovenden 10 York Acorn 27

Australian premiership

Brisbane	50	Canberra	16
North Sydney	22	Sydney Bulldogs	14
Newcastle	42	Gold Coast	0
Sydney Tigers	22	Western Sub	16
Penrith	46	Western Reds	12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney City	8	8	0	0	241	56	16
Brisbane	8	7	0	1	278	68	14
North Sydney	8	7	0	1	234	88	14
Manly	8	7	0	1	188	76	14
Newcastle	8	6	0	2	176	114	12
Cronulla	8	5	0	3	136	83	10
Auckland	8	5	0	3	122	114	10
Sydney Tigers	8	5	0	3	122	157	10
Parramatta	8	4	0	4	124	125	8
W Suburbs	8	4	0	4	109	144	8
St George	8	4	0	4	112	150	8
Canberra	8	3	1	4	198	142	7
Illawarra	8	3	0	5	160	183	6
Gold Coast	8	3	0	5	137	193	6
Penrith	8	2	1	5	138	114	5
S Queensland	8	2	0	6	84	134	4
Western Reds	8	1	0	7	91	166	2
Sydney Bulldogs	8	1	0	7	70	156	2
N Queensland	8	1	0	7	61	288	2
South Sydney	8	0	0	8	76	288	0

TENNIS

PINEHURST: North Carolina: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: F Meligeni (Br) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 2-6, 6-0, 6-4 M Wilander (Swe) bt J Frana (Arg) 6-3, 6-3

HAMBURG: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: R Carretero (Sp) bt Y Kafelnikov (Rus) 7-5 6-2, A Corretja (Sp) bt M Rios (Chile) 6-4 6-4 **Final:** Carretero bt Corretja 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4

ROME: Women's Italian Open tournament: Semi-finals: M Hingis (Switz) *bt I Spirlea (Rom) 6-2, 7-5. C Martinez* (Sp) bt I Majoli (Cro) 6-4, 6-7, 6-2 **Final:** Martinez bt Hingis 6-2, 6-3.

BUDAPEST: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: R Dragomir (Rom) bt E Wagner (Ger) 6-1, 7-6, M Schnell (Austria) bt R Kuti Kis (Hun) 6-2, 6-1 *Final: Dragomir bt Schnell 7-6, 6-1*

LEE-ON-SOLENT: LTA spring satellite tournament: Men: Semi-finals: F Dondo (Uru) bt R Nicklish (Ger) 6-1 6-1. A Dupuis (Fr) bt J Delgado (GB) 7-6 6-0 **Women: Final:** J Ward (GB) bt J Choudhury (GB) 7-5 6-0

CHESTERFIELD: LTA summer series: Semi-finals: L Crane (Kent) bt J Revill (Notts) 7-5, 6-2: H Oakenfull (Derbyshire) bt J Edgar (Lancs) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3

NATIONAL MEN'S LEAGUE: Ilkley 6 Hull YPI 0

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

CRICKET

Tetley's challenge series
11.0, final day of three
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Indians

Britannic Assurance championship
11.0, final day of four, 96 overs minimum
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Essex
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Leicestershire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Durham
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan
THE OVAL: Surrey v Kent
HOVE: Sussex v Warwickshire
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Derbyshire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three) **Chelmsford:** Essex v Gloucestershire; **Pontypridd:** Glamorgan v Somerset; **Maidstone:** Kent v Leicestershire. **Haslingden:** Lancashire v Sussex; **Uxbridge CC:** Middlesex v Surrey; **Worcester:** Worcestershire v Northamptonshire; **Todmorden:** Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Watford (2.0).
ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Coleshill v West Midland Fire Service; Kings Heath v Meir KA
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Final, second leg: Walsall v Bury (at Walsall, 7 15).

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Redcar (2.15): Southwell (AW, 2 30): Towcester (5 50). Windsor (6 05)
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Cardiff).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP (one day): Fenner's: British Universities v Middlesex Derby: Derbyshire v Minor Counties. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Hampshire. Eglinton: Ireland v Surrey; Canterbury: Kent v Glamorgan: Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire; Leicester: Leicestershire v Durham, Northampton. Northamptonshire v Yorkshire; Edinburgh (Grange CC): Scotland v Worcestershire. Taunton: Somerset v Essex.

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HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Cardiff v Llanelli (7 15). Neath v Pontypridd (7 15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Halifax v Wigan (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British featherweight championship: Jon Jo Irwin (Doncaster, holder) v Colin McMillan (Barking) (Goresbrook Leisure Centre, Dagenham)
RACING: York (2 0). Chepstow (1 45)
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Cardiff): Rover championships (Welsh National Tennis Centre, Cardiff).

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Final, second-leg: Bordeaux (0) v Bayern Munich (2) (7 45)
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Play-offs: Semi-finals, second legs: First division: *Crystal Palace (2) v Charlton (1) (7 45): *Stoke (0) v Leicester (0) (7.45); Second division: *Blackpool (2) v Bradford (0) (7 45). Notts County (2) v Crewe (2) (7 45): Third division: *Darlington (2) v Hereford (1); *Plymouth (0) v Colchester (1) (7 45).

OTHER SPORT

RACING: York (2 0). Hereford (1 45). Huntingdon (6.10): Perth (6 25)
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Cardiff). Rover championships (Welsh National Tennis Centre, Cardiff)

THURSDAY

CRICKET

TETLEY'S CHALLENGE SERIES (first day of three): Hove: Sussex v Indians
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): *Chester-le-Street:* Durham v Yorkshire. Ilford: Essex v Kent. Cardiff: Glamorgan v Derbyshire; Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset: Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire
UNIVERSITY MATCHES (first day of three): Fenner's: Cambridge University v Middlesex. The Parks: Oxford University v Northamptonshire

FOOTBALL

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Play-off, second leg: Dundee United (1) v Partick (1)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Benson and Hedges international (Thame)
RACING. York (2 0): Aintree (5 45): Folkestone (6.0) Perth (1 50). Salisbury (2 10).
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Cardiff) Rover championships (Welsh National Tennis Centre, Cardiff).

FRIDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7 30
STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Warrington v St Helens **Second division:** York v South Wales

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Benson and Hedges international (Thame). Brabazon Trophy (Royal St George's)
GYMNASTICS: Women's European championships (NEC, Birmingham).
RACING: Newbury (2 05). Newmarket (2 15); Newton Abbot (6 0): Stratford (6 15). Thirsk (2.0)
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Cardiff). Rover championships (Welsh National Tennis Centre, Cardiff)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England v Hungary (at Wembley, 3.0)
TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Final: Hearts v Rangers (at Hampden Park, Glasgow, 3 0).

RUGBY UNION

PEACE INTERNATIONAL: Ireland XV v Barbarians (at Lansdowne Road 3.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Workington v Wigan (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Benson and Hedges international (Thame): Brabazon Trophy (Royal St George's)
GYMNASTICS: Women's European championships (NEC, Birmingham)
RACING: Newbury (2 0). Bangor (2.10): Fakenham (6 10). Hamilton Park (6.20); Lingfield Park (6 0). Southwell (2 25). Thirsk (2 15)
TENNIS: Rover championships (Welsh National Tennis Centre, Cardiff)

SUNDAY

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH (one day). Lord's: Middlesex v Indians
AXA EQUITY & LAW LEAGUE (one day) Chester-le-Street: Durham v Yorkshire; Ilford: Essex v Kent; Cardiff: Glamorgan v Derbyshire: Bristol: Gloucestershire v Somerset; Leicester: Leicestershire v Worcestershire, Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Hampshire

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3 0 unless stated
STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford v Paris Saint-Germain (6 0). Castleford v London (6 0): Leeds v Halifax, Sheffield v Oldham (6 0). **First division:** Batley v Keighley (5 30), Huddersfield v Wakefield (3 30): Salford v Featherstone (6 0): Whitehaven v Hull (3 30) Widnes v Dewsbury **Second division:** Bramley v (5.0): Chorley v Leigh, Hull K R v Barrow: Hunslet v Doncaster (3 30): Swinton v Carlisle (6.30)

FOOTBALL

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Final: Macclesfield v Northwich (at Wembley, 4 0)

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League (WLAF): London Monarchs v Frankfurt (at White Hart Lane, 3 0), Scottish Claymores v Rhein Fire (at Murrayfield, 3 0)
ATHLETICS: AAA v Great Britain Students (Loughborough)
CYCLING: Lincoln Grand Prix
GOLF: Benson and Hedges international (Thame): Brabazon Trophy (Royal St George's)
GYMNASTICS: Women's European championships (NEC, Birmingham).
RACING: Newbury (2 0); Ripon (2.15).
TENNIS: Rover championships (Welsh National Tennis Centre, Cardiff).

POOLS CHECK

VICTORIA First Division: Moorabbin 3 Broadmeadows 2: Northcote C 0 Doncaster 0 **Second division:** E. Brunswick 0 Regent 0. E. Richmond 0 West Vale 6; Frankston P 4 Knox City 0, Nunawading 0 East Altona 4; Oakleigh 0 Mooroolbark 3. S Dandenong 1 Altona City 0; Waverley 4 Bell Park 2 **Fourth division:** Geelong 3 N Coburg 2: Lalor 3 Langwarrin 1 Sandringham 1 Stonnington 5, Sun Heights 2 Como 0, Sunbury 0 Moreland 0 Yarraville 3 Monbulk 0 **Fifth division:** Glenroy 2 Knox Pk. 2; Heidelberg C 1 Ballarat 0; Melton 0 Mitcham 2, Mornington 1 Old Scotch 0. N. Sunshine 1 Keysborough 2. S. Wantirna 1 Doveton 0, Springvale C 1 Geelong R 5 **Sixth division:** Berwick City 3 N Glenroy 1: Brunswick C 2 E. Nunawading 3, Endeavour H Hoppers C 1. Hampton Pk. 2 Braeside 2, Lyndale U. 0 Brandon Pk. 2. Meadow Pk. 1 Croxton 0. S. Yarra 2 Dandenong 0 **WESTERN AUSTRALIA:** First division: Balcatta 2 Ashfield 3, Bassendean 0 Southside 2, Cockburn 0 North Lake 3, Dianella 2 Perth City 0, Joondalup 3 Morley 2, Rockingham 1 Fremantle C 3 **First division.** Armadale Pk. 0 Wanneroo 0; Melville 0 Balga 2 S Vardar 1 Queens Pk. 3, West Yugal 1 University (W.A.) 1 **SOUTH AUSTRALIA Premier League:** Adelaide R 0 Campb'town 1. Blue Eagles 3 Port Lion 1: Croydon 1 Salisbury 2; Woodville 3 Olympians 2 **First division:** Cumberland 1 Elizabeth 2, Modbury 0 Noarlunga 4: Plympton 2 W T Birkalla 3; Port Pirie 4 Adelaide City 1: Seaford 0 Para Hills 7 W Adelaide S Enfield 2 **QUEENSLAND Third division:** Newmarket 2 Goodna 1, Souths Utd 12 Western S 0 University (Q D.3) 0 Redlands 1 **Fourth division** Greenbank 0 Samford 5 **Postponed:** Southside v South Star **NEW SOUTH WALES Second division:** Hurstville 2 Liverpool 2, Tracandinos 3 N S W U 1 **Third division:** Colo 1 Prospect 1. St Johns 0 Glebe 2 Southside v South Star postponed *Pools panel verdict, away win*

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Briton to meet Tyson or Bowe

Lewis strengthens title hand with disputed decision

From Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent, in New York

THE crowd of 17,000 at Madison Square Garden for the ten-round heavyweight bout in the early hours of Saturday did not like the verdict of the three judges. They did not think that Lennox Lewis had beaten Ray Mercer, even on a split decision (95-95, 96-95, 96-94). They thought that Mercer had won clearly, by three or four rounds and they chanted their disapproval.

The New York papers took up the cry on Saturday. "Ripped Off" and "Lucky Lewis" the headlines screamed. Lewis has certainly lost on my card, by two rounds, but when his hand was raised at the end of the bout, it seemed poetic justice in a sport in which manipulation and corruption is considered good business practice.

It was Lewis who had been "ripped off" by boxing politics for the past year — and was still the victim. Mike Tyson would not accept his mandatory challenge because Lewis boxes for HBO and Tyson for Showtime. The two television companies are bitter rivals.

After a year of litigation, luck was now going Lewis's way at last. The win over Mercer has put him in an extremely strong financial position and has given him confidence that he can take on the best men in the heavyweight division.

He could make money without Tyson. If Tyson decided to drop out of the $60 million (about £39 million) World Boxing Council heavyweight title bout that would give Tyson $45 million and Lewis $15 million, the Briton would meet Riddick Bowe.

Bowe wanted a match with Lewis after seeing him struggle with Mercer. "It's been my dream to fight him," Bowe said. "I'd like to fight him in August because it's my birthday in August and I'd give him a birthday whipping." The bout could, indeed, take place at the end of the year. Should Tyson relinquish the title rather than be forced to meet Lewis, Lewis woulld have to meet Oliver McCall, the No 2 challenger, first, in September.

Seth Abraham, the head of HBO Sport, said that a three-bout deal about to be signed would commit Bowe to a contest with Lewis. Lewis would be Bowe's second opponent. The first would be Andrew Golota, of Poland, in July.

Referring to the controversial scoring in Lewis's bout with Mercer, Abraham said: "Lewis got a break. Bowe got a break, Rock Newman [Bowe's manager] got a break. Sometimes it is better to be lucky than good. If Lewis doesn't get Tyson, we will make Lewis-Bowe.

"I think Tyson will give up the belt. Tyson will fight Joe Louis before he fights Lennox Lewis. Despite what we saw tonight, Lennox is still a dangerous opponent for Tyson. That's the bottom line."

Panos Eliades, Lewis's financial backer, said: "Lennox-Bowe is a very big fight: bigger for Lennox than the Tyson fight. Lennox and Bowe would share about $50 million, $25 million each. Rock Newman and I are talking, but first we must sort out the trouble with Tyson in court."

Lewis: lacked real spark

If Tyson does not give up the title, he must meet Lewis by September. The longer the wait the better for Lewis. He needs time to improve his defence — the jab to keep Tyson out. Even though Lewis has a good jab, he did not use it against Mercer, who had no trouble out-jabbing Lewis, even though he is three inches shorter than Lewis.

Bowe said: "Lewis has got much better under Emanuel Steward, but there's still much for him to learn. He could not out-jab Mercer — when a shorter man out-jabs you, there's something wrong."

However, despite Lewis's failure to dominate the bout, under Steward, he has certainly improved greatly. He has learnt to battle his way out of a corner and deliver short combinations inside. It was breathtaking whenever he cut loose inside against Mercer, punching with speed to the body and head. If Steward can tighten up his defence by stiffening the jab, he would have a good chance of beating Tyson. "Ray Mercer put me under a lot of pressure — which is good for my fight with Tyson," Lewis said.

Steward said: "Mercer gave Lewis a harder fight than Tyson would. Mercer is a real tough guy. While Tyson is fighting nobodies like Bruno, who should have been in diapers when he fought Tyson, Lennox is fighting rough, tough guys. He showed how tough he can be and what a good chin he has when he punched it out with Mercer. Other British heavyweights would have collapsed."

The Bath Cup freestyle relay, staged by Otter Swimming Club at Crystal Palace, produces a breathtaking effort. Photograph: Denzil McNeelance

Campbell supply perfect parting gift

By John Goodbody

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

AT LEAST one teacher can retire content this summer. For the past 25 years, Campbell College, Belfast, have travelled to London to compete in the schools relay championships organised by Otter Swimming Club.

Throughout that time, the enthusiasm of Fred Parkes, the master in charge of swimming since 1964, has never wilted.

He has always craved a victory in the Bath Cup, the annual freestyle event, founded in 1910. Third twice and second once, he thought that his squad might win in 1995. They finished second again in a time that would have taken first place in 1994.

Parkes retires in July and last Friday, at Crystal Palace, was his final chance of victory in a competition that attracted 64 entries from independent schools belonging to the Headmasters' Conference. Campbell College have been Irish Schools freestyle champions for the past two years, but it is difficult to judge the strength of schools from the rest of the United Kingdom because there are not enough events to make an accurate assessment.

Parkes was worried about Nottingham High School after their showing in the heats of the 4 x 100 metres race. "I thought they were coasting," he said. "You can get fooled by heats' times. In 1977, we did the fastest time in the heats but came third in the final."

He thought that Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, the winners last year, had three of their 1995 team back. "The problem was, we didn't know how much they had improved and how good their fourth member was," he said.

Parkes and Campbell College need not have worried. As Andy Hunter, a 55.7sec 100-metre sprinter came thrashing down the final length, Campbell College finished five seconds clear of their rivals with Trinity School, Croydon surprisingly second.

The modern trend has been for talented swimmers to train with clubs rather than at school. Campbell have only two squad sessions a week. The rest of the time, team members such as Hunter, Andrew and Dennis Bree, Neil Cameron and James Hand are with their clubs.

Hunter said: "What I don't like about swimming is when the alarm clock goes off at 5.25am four mornings a week for my first session with the Ards club." Fortunately, Ards is based at the Campbell College pool.

"What I particularly enjoy about swimming is going last on relays," Hunter said. "No one cares that much if you don't win as an individual, but, when it is a relay, everyone is relying on you."

Hunter's father, Andrew, also coached by Parkes at Campbell College on his way to representing Ireland at the 1972 Olympic Games, said: "Fred is an enthusiast, but also a man who likes things done right. He does not permit any sloppiness."

Hunter Sr clocked 54.6sec for the 100 metres freestyle in 1976 and believes that the standard of coaching is particularly responsible for the improvement in times. "We did up to four hours a day in the water," he said. "Youngsters nowadays are not spending more time swimming, but they are spending it more wisely."

In the Otter medley relay event, Leeds Grammar School edged out Nottingham High School with a squad of past and present members of the City of Leeds club. They dedicated the success to their former coach, "Pip" Williams, who died last year before she could see the school's first victory in the competition.

In the girls' events, City of London Freeman's School and Epsom College swapped first and second places in the freestyle and medley relays. Jennie Keith, the manager of the Freeman's team, who won the freestyle, said: "I think I was even more excited than the girls. I was skipping about. However, the commitment of the swimmers is quite outstanding. They train so hard at their clubs and they are the ones who wanted to be here."

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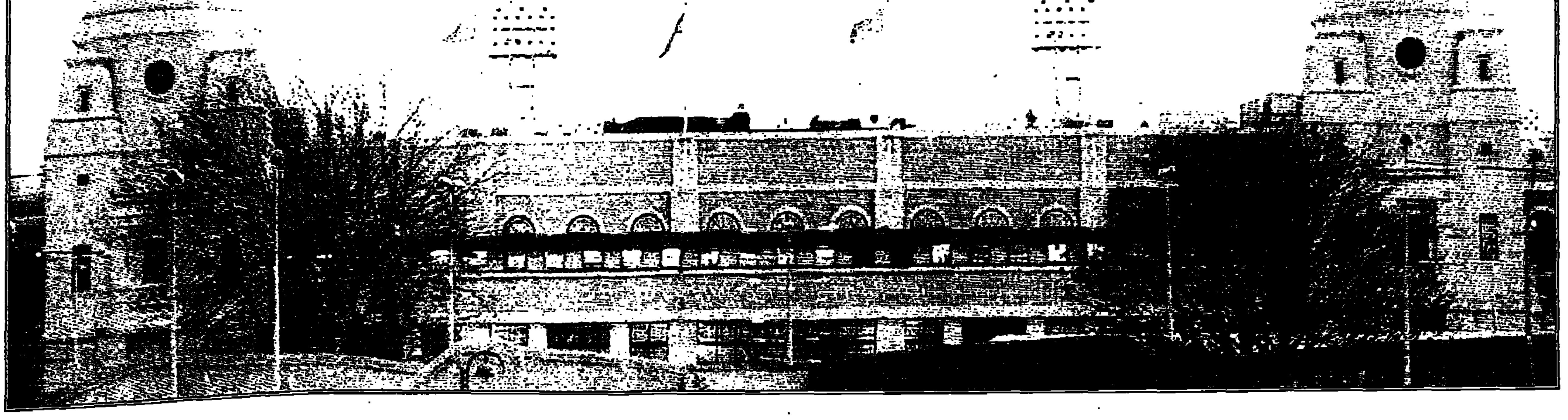

John Goodbody reports on the growing popularity of volleyball

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Britannia Music City volleyball team, which is based in Hackney, east London: its spirit and dynamism and the players' agility are very impressive

A game to net new fans worldwide

In the spectacular kaleidoscope of movement and colour at the Olympic Games this summer, one event, beach volleyball, *will be making a new impact* on the Games. For the first time, it has been included in the programme, and the glamour of the sport is likely to excite billions of television viewers around the world.

This will also benefit its older brother, indoor volleyball, which has been part of the Games since 1964 and has more than 170 countries as members of the world governing body.

Anyone who has seen volleyball cannot fail to be impressed by its skill and athleticism.

David Miller, my colleague, who has probably seen a greater variety of international sport over the past 15 years than any other journalist, wrote of the 1989 World Volleyball Cup in Japan that "it is tactically perhaps the most sophisticated of all team games".

Among the delights of volleyball are that it can be played indoors or out, on a variety of surfaces and by both sexes or in mixed teams. Recreational games can also be held in smaller areas than the regulation 18 metres by 9 metres, which is only slightly smaller than a tennis court. Many of Great Britain's firefighters use their cramped yards for volleyball games between call-outs.

Like so many sports, the popularity of volleyball in Britain does not reflect its international standing. Go to Brazil, where there are said to be more volleyball players than footballers. In Rio de Janeiro, there are 350 courts on Copacabana Beach. Millions of people around the world have found the immense satisfaction of leaping up to the net, 2.43 metres above the ground (2.24 metres for women), then smashing the ball downwards so that a member of the opposing team cannot return it before it touched the ground.

Orthodox volleyball is six-a-side: beach volleyball two-a-side. If you are good at one, you are automatically good at the other. It is as close in technical and physical demands as cross country and road running: players are only slightly more suited to one or other of them.

Bruce Hertogs, who has recently started an indoor club at Maidstone, in Kent, said: "Though volleyball is a simple game, it is also tremendously involving mentally. It may not be a contact sport, but it is still a powerful game. It requires particular skills and you have to apply those skills from unusual positions.

"You need flexibility, the ability to dive and stretch quickly and, though volleyball is not as stamina-intensive as football, you have to be in good shape. There is certainly an athletic appeal about the sport.

"Girls can play with guys. They may not be so dominant aerially, but they can be very solid and 'dig' the ball back. Everyone has to stay involved. You cannot hide."

The sport was invented in 1859 in the United States by a director of physical recreation at a YMCA in Massachusetts. *He wanted to provide some* form of exercise for large groups of businessmen and he thought that basketball was too strenuous, so he invented volleyball.

Just how advanced this sport has become in Britain can be seen when you watch one of the leading clubs, Britannia Music City, which is based in Hackney, east London. The agility and commitment are impressive. So is the team spirit.

Janette Smith-Dacosta, 30, a part-time cashier and mother of two, said: "I love the dynamism of volleyball. It is an outlet for me away from home, although my children often come. They love watching me play."

Many of the women are at least 5ft 10in tall, particularly the spikers or smashers, who hammer the ball over the net. However, Steve Colpus, their coach, said: "This does not mean that a smaller player cannot make an impact on the game. They are often invaluable in defensive situations."

Vanessa Malone, 24, a nursing sister, plays six-a-side volleyball and beach volleyball. She said: "I think it is more difficult to play on the beach because it is so hard to run about on the sand. It was great *entertainment last summer*. We had competitions all around Britain. Bikinis were out in the hot weather and we even had a samba band at Tenby, in Wales."

So popular has beach volleyball become that sand has been imported into indoor arenas for winter competitions. At the Olympics this summer, a permanent beach volleyball stadium is being built beside a man-made lake 20 miles outside Atlanta.

Team Racal, consisting of Audrey Cooper and Amanda Glover, as No 12 seeds, will represent Britain in Georgia as the first national team ever to have a world ranking indoors or out. The tournament, enlivened by their bright costumes, shades and sunblock, will be like some desert island fantasy. *The Times* will certainly be there.

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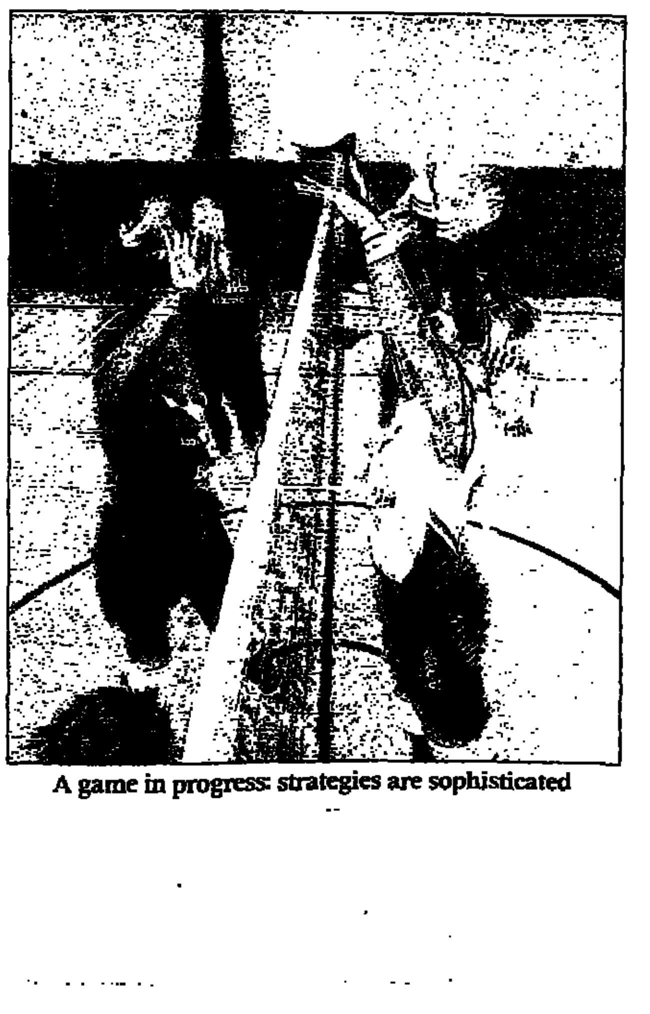

A game in progress: strategies are sophisticated

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Most deals on which each side can make a large number of tricks involve a "double fit" — that is, each side has a fit in two suits. This is a recent example, from the high-stake game at TGR's.

Dealer West North-South game Rubber bridge

♠Q 9 8 7 2
♥9 7 3
♦-
♣K Q 10 7 5

♠J 5
♥Q J 10 4 2
♦Q J 4
♣A 9 2

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♠4
♥A K 8 6 5
♦A K 7 6 3
♣J 3

♠A K 10 6 3
♥-
♦10 9 8 5 2
♣8 6 4

W	N	E	S
Pass	Pass	1 H	1 S
2 S (1)	Pass (2)	3 D	Pass
4 H (3)	4 S (4)	5 D	5 S
Pass	Pass	6 D	Dble
6 H	6 S (4)	Dble	All Pass

Final contract: Six spades doubled, by South
Lead: Queen of diamonds

(1) Having passed, West bid Two Spades to show a maximum raise in hearts. The old idea that this shows spade control has gone. (2) On the whole, I do not think that this sort of trap pass works. Better is to bid Three Clubs, to indicate the lead against a high heart contract. (3) Over Three Diamonds, West is worth a cue-bid of Four Clubs. This expresses the fact that his hand is very suitable for play in hearts when his partner has a diamond suit. (4) Having declined the invitation to describe his hand earlier, North more or less had to bid Four Spades over Four Hearts, and Six Spades over Six Hearts.

Against Six Hearts, South would have led a top spade. North should play the queen. With the jack being in dummy, this is a clear suit preference signal. Now a diamond ruff will beat the slam.

West was found wanting in the play in Six Spades. Declarer ruffed the diamond lead and drew trumps in two rounds. He then led a club towards the dummy, and West rose with the ace. Thus Six Spades made easily. West should have ducked the club — holding five hearts, he could see that a heart would not stand up. After the king holds, declarer returns to hand with a heart ruff, and plays another club. If West plays low again, South may go wrong by finessing the jack.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HOOKER'S GREEN
a. Shepherd's Bush
b. Green watercolour
c. A trout fly

MAKORE
a. Ebony inlay
b. Ritual humiliation
c. A redwood tree

MAKO
a. Japanese male pride
b. A jungle song-bird
c. The blue shark

MAKKOLI
a. Wheat beer
c. Sea broccoli
d. A loose silk gown

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Kasparov stumbles

The game that cost Garry Kasparov first prize in the Moscow speed chess event at the end of last month showed his overweening self confidence to disadvantage. In an equal position, Kasparov avoided a draw by repetition, but the move that he chose — 27 Qb4 — was a terrible mistake that allowed Black a dangerous passed pawn.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Vladimir Kramnik
Moscow speed chess
April, 1996

Queen's Gambit Declined

1	c4	c5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	e3	e6
5	d4	d5
6	cxd5	exd5
7	Bb5	cxd4
8	Nxd4	Bd7
9	0-0	Bd6
10	Nf3	a6
11	Be2	Be6
12	a3	0-0
13	b4	Qe7
14	Bb2	Rfe8
15	Nd4	Be5
16	Nxc6	bxc6
17	Na4	Bxb2
18	Nxb2	c5
19	bxc5	Qxc5
20	Nd3	Qd6
21	Nf4	Bf5
22	Bf3	Rad8
23	Qd4	Be4
24	Be2	Bf5
25	Bf3	Be4
26	Be2	Bf5
27	Qb4	d4
28	Qxd6	Rxd6
29	Rfd1	g5
30	Nh5	Nxh5
31	Bxh5	d3
32	Rd2	g4
33	f3	gxf3
34	Bxd3	Rxe3
35	Rc1	Re5
36	Kf2	Kg7
37	Rc4	Ra5
38	Rc3	Rb5
39	h4	h6
40	Ke3	a5
41	Kf2	Rd4
42	g3	Re5
43	Rc7	Ra4
44	Rc3	Bg6
45	Rb3	Rc4
46	g4	Rc2
47	Rb2	Rxd2+
48	Rxd2	f6
49	Kg3	Rc5
50	Kf4	Rc3
51	Rb2	Rxa3
52	Rb7+	Kf8
53	Rd7	Ra4+
54	Ke3	f5
55	h5	Be8
56	Rxd3	fxg4
57	Be4	Bxh5
58	Rd6	Kg7
59	Rd7+	Kf6
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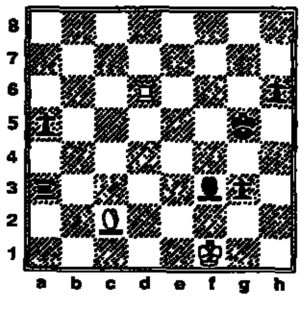
White resigns

Diagram of final position



Correction

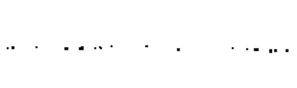
In Winning Move on Friday, David Bronstein challenged for the world championship once, not twice.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Frese — Schroder, Marburg, 1951. This position looks safe enough for White, but Black now blew up *his opponent's* defences with a brilliant combination. Can you see what he played?



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THE GREATEST

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TUNE IN AND CHOOSE BRITAIN'S GREATEST SPORTS STAR

Tonight, Channel 4's *The Greatest* gives you another chance in the series to vote for the Greatest British sporting hero of them all. And your vote will count in more ways than one, because it could win you a pair of tickets to the European *football championship* or even the top prize of a trip to the Olympic Games in Atlanta with Daley Thompson.

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The cases for Jackie Stewart, Linford Christie, Bobby Moore, Torvill and Dean, Mary Rand, Ian Botham, Barry John, Nick Faldo, Steve Ovett, Bobby Charlton, Lester Piggott, Steven Redgrave, Kenny Dalglish, Denis Compton, Len Hutton and Sebastian Coe of the 20 shortlisted have been stated. Each week two contenders are examined and their relative merits discussed by the panel of Frances Edmonds, author and broadcaster, Danny Kelly, editor of *Total Sport*, and a guest celebrity (tonight it is Alan Wells). Chairing the debate is Gordon Kennedy. The final show will give the results and declare The Greatest. *The Greatest* is screened on Channel 4 on Mondays at 8.30pm and repeated on Saturdays at 10am.

TONIGHT'S CONTENDERS

FRED PERRY

The clause, " Fred Perry, the last British man to win the Wimbledon singles title", has been written almost every year since his third successive victory in 1936. It is record that he was longing to see broken, because he regularly attended the Championships as journalist and broadcaster and was a constant supporter of the British players. However, none of his successors has possessed his rare combination of technical excellence, athleticism and a fighting spirit. People are still aware of his feats at Wimbledon but what many do not know are his performances in the Davis Cup and the other leading championships.

Perry was the first player to win all four Grand Slam titles, collecting eight in all before he turned professional at the age of 27. He inspired Britain to four successive victories in the Davis Cup and in his career won 45 of his 52 matches in the competition.

He was a natural mover, with a long reach, a superb running forehand and was a genuine all-round sportsman, being world *table tennis champion in 1929. However*, what made him a champion was his unyielding determination. The son of a Labour MP, he was disliked by the All-England Club, partly because of his background and partly because he took the game so seriously. Perry was a pioneer of the sport. Although he was pre-eminent among his contemporaries, he played in an era when tennis had not been developed world-wide.

DALEY THOMPSON

Daley Thompson was John McEnroe with a sense of humour. Brilliant and boorish, Thompson also raised laughter wherever he went. Sometimes his achievements were stained by his controversial behaviour but he justified *his way by suggesting that*, if well-to-do people thought him offensive, the man on the street enjoyed his pranks. What was never questionable was Thompson's position as the world's finest decathlete. Uniquely, he held, in the mid-Eighties, the distinction of being Olympic, world, European and Commonwealth champion and world record-holder as well. Twice Olympic champion, he competed in four Olympics and set four world records. He was undefeated between 1978 and 1987.

In 1992 he was selected for a fifth Olympics, without having completed a decathlon for four years, a mark of his stature. But he could not achieve the qualifying mark and did not go. He retired from athletics and, just six months later, at 34, signed as a works racing driver for Peugeot. A ferocious competitor, he could not put sport down. This football season, at 37, Thompson was in Mansfield Town's first-team squad. As his success coincided with the golden age of British middle-distance running, he credited Coe, Ovett and Cram, magnanimously, for drawing the public into his sport, and so to him. "I was doing an event that no one had ever heard of, so I was seriously in the back of nowhere," he said. *But he was never going to be a nowhere man.*

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Wife takes tenancy subject to order

Church Commissioners for England v Al-Emarah and Another

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment May 8]

A wife who was deemed to be a statutory tenant of a dwelling house in the place of her husband took the tenancy subject to the terms of suspension of a pre-existing possession order against *the husband, including* the requirement to pay arrears of rent.

Where the wife subsequently failed to meet the terms of the order, the landlord was not entitled to enforce the pre-existing possession order against her, but was obliged to bring fresh proceedings for possession against the wife under section 98 of the *Rent Act* 1977; and the court would have to consider afresh whether it would be reasonable and upon what terms to grant such an order.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the wife, Farial Abdullah Parvin, against Mr Justice Connell's order of May 3, 1995, whereby, on the wife's application for an order under paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1 to the Matrimonial Homes Act 1983, he directed:

(i) that the wife be deemed to be *the sole tenant* of 157 Quadrangle Tower, Cambridge Square, London W2, under the statutory tenancy *between her former husband*, Sami Salim Tahir Al-Emarah, and the landlords, the Church Commissioners for England;

(ii) that the husband should cease to be entitled to occupy the premises; and

(iii) that the wife's statutory tenancy should be subject to the terms of the suspended possession *order made against the husband* on August 23, 1990 at Bloomsbury County Court to pay rent as it fell due and to pay arrears of rent.

There was no appeal or cross-appeal against Mr Justice Connell's order dismissing the landlords' application for leave to enforce against the wife the suspended possession order previously obtained against the husband.

Paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the 1983 Act provides:

"*(1) Where the spouse* is entitled to occupy the dwelling house by virtue of a statutory tenancy within the meaning of the Rent Act 1977, the court may by order direct that, as from such date as may be specified in the order, that spouse shall cease to be entitled to occupy the dwelling house and that the other spouse shall be *deemed to be* the tenant or, as the case may be, the sole tenant under the statutory tenancy."

Miss Jane Belson for the wife; Mr Sebastian Reid for the landlords; the husband did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said *that the husband* was sole tenant of the matrimonial home under a statutory tenancy. After the breakdown of the marriage he lived elsewhere and the wife and three *children remained* in occupation. He fell into arrears both with the rent payable to the landlords and with the maintenance he was *ordered by the court to pay to the* wife.

The landlords brought proceedings for possession under the 1977 *Act on the ground* of non-payment of rent. The upshot was a possession order against the husband suspended upon terms that he pay current rent as it fell due and £1,000 a month off the arrears.

In 1991 housing benefit was granted to the wife and regular payments had been made to the landlords of the whole of the rent due except for between £8 and £10 a week. *The wife obtained a decree* nisi of divorce in 1992 and in 1993 the husband was adjudicated bankrupt.

It was common ground between the wife and the landlords that the husband's original contractual tenancy ended with the commencement of the possession proceedings; and that, although he no longer occupied the matrimonial home, he thereupon became the sole statutory tenant by virtue of section 1(6) of the 1983 Act, *which deemed the wife's* occupation as his own.

Schedule 1 to the 1983 Act was expressed, by paragraph 1, to apply to all cases where one spouse was entitled, alone or with another, to occupy a dwelling house under the termsecure tenancy.

For the purposes of the present appeal his Lordship was prepared to assume that that concession was correctly made since it was not essential to the issue the court had to decide, although there were powerful arguments to the contrary which might have to be considered in a case where the point arose for direct consideration.

Miss Belson submitted that the provisions of Schedule 1 represented a comprehensive statutory code which conferred, in relation to a leasehold matrimonial home, rights upon the spouses not only as between each other but also in respect of third parties such as landlords and mortgagees.

Thus construed, *she* submitted, the deeming provision of paragraph 3(1) conferred upon the *occupying spouse de novo all the rights of a tenant without regard to* any orders that may have been obtained against the original tenant spouse. On that basis the judge was wrong to have treated the *possession order of 1990 as having* any effect upon the wife's deemed tenancy at all.

If that was wrong, she submitted, the only condition relevant *was the condition as to payment of* rent; the condition as to payment of arrears became nugatory, being replaced by the statutory discretion conferred on the court by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to consider whether or not liabilities outstanding at the date of the order should be the liability of both *spouses jointly and severally.*

If the merits of the case were the sole matter to be considered there would be powerful force in Miss Belson's submissions but the matter had to be approached as one of pure statutory interpretation.

The answer lay in the concluding words of paragraph 3(1). They provided that the claimant spouse should be entitled to be deemed the tenant "under that statutory tenancy", that is, the tenancy referred to at the outset of the subparagraph as being the tenancy by virtue of which the respondent spouse was entitled to occupy the dwelling house.

That precluded any possibility of regarding the claimant spouse as being entitled to a new form of tenancy differing in nature from that afforded to the respondent *spouse by the original statutory* tenancy.

The husband's tenure under his statutory tenancy was rendered precarious by the possession order. That was an inherent feature of his tenancy.

If the wife was to become tenant in his place under that same tenancy, *it was inevitable that her* tenure too would be subject to the identical infirmity.

That conclusion was supported *not* only by the language of the statute but also by general principles of construction favouring a construction of legislation which avoided interference with the rights of third parties.

Once it was accepted that the wife's new tenancy was subject to the terms on which the possession order was suspended, both conditions applied. Paragraph 5 of *Schedule 1 did not provide the sole* and exclusive means by which a liability for outstanding liabilities such as arrears of rent might be imposed.

Miss Belson submitted that, even if the wife's tenancy was subject as part of its terms to both conditions of suspension of the *possession order against the husband*, there had never been a possession order directed against the wife, even though she was joined as a party to the 1990 possession proceedings.

It followed, she submitted, that if there were to be a breach of either condition, which seemed *inevitable having regard to the wife's* lack of means, the landlords could not issue a writ of possession under that order, but would have to start independent possession proceedings against her under section 98 of the 1977 Act.

Mr Reid submitted that the wife was not only bound, as a result of their importation into her statutory tenancy, by the conditions on which the possession order was suspended, but was also *subject* to the terms of the possession order *itself, with the result that her rights* were limited to resisting execution under section 100 of the 1977 Act.

On that aspect Miss Belson's submission was plainly correct. It *accorded with observations* of Lord Evershed, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice Romer in *Sherrin v Brand* ([1956] 1 QB 403, 420 and 431) and with the judge's views in the present case.

Thus the possession order of August 23, 1990, as opposed to the conditions of its suspension, was not enforceable against the wife.

While agreeing with Mr Justice Connell's conclusion, his Lordship preferred to base that result on the general grounds of statutory construction referred to above rather than that favoured by the judge of treating transfers under Schedule 1 as analogous with the principles applying to devolution of statutory tenancies by succession on death.

Lord Justice Simon Brown agreed.

Solicitors: Blakeney's; Radcliffes Crossman Block.

Court can decide unmet demand for taxis

Kelly and Another v Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Aldous

[Judgment May 3]

On an appeal against a local authority's refusal to grant a hackney carriage vehicle licence, a crown court which concluded that there was *significant unmet* demand in the area for taxis could determine the extent of that demand and how it was to be matched with all the current *outstanding applications, or remit* the matter to the local authority for reconsideration.

Where a local authority failed to determine an application for a hackney carriage vehicle licence, an appeal against withholding a licence was available under section 7(1)(b) of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing appeals by William Atwell Kelly and Derek Smith against decisions of Mr Justice Laws in the Queen's Bench Division on March 17, 1995 that Liverpool Crown Court was *wrong to order Wirral* Metropolitan Borough Council to issue 10 taxi licences to Mr Kelly and one taxi licence to Mr Smith.

Mr Peter Birts, QC and Mr John Pugh for the appellants; Mr Bill Braithwaite, QC and Mr William *F. Waldron for the council.*

LORD JUSTICE AULD said that the appeals concerned the manner in which a local authority responsible for the issue of hackney carriage vehicle licences, and a crown court on appeal from its decision, should deal with an application for a licence or licences *where it was of the view that there* was significant unmet demand in the local authority's area for the service of taxis.

Section 37 of the Town Police *Clauses Act 1847 and section 16* of the Transport Act 1985 together provided that a district council could refuse to grant licences for the purpose of limiting the numbers of licensed taxis if, but only if, it was satisfied that there was no significant unmet demand in the area for the services of taxis.

Kelly application

The council refused Mr Kelly's application for 10 taxi licences on the ground that there was no evidence of any significant unmet demand for taxi services within its area.

On Mr Kelly's appeal to the crown court the council maintained that there was no significant unmet demand, but that, if there was, it had many other applicants to consider in addition to Mr Kelly.

The crown court heard evidence that satisfied it that there was a significant unmet demand. It also heard about the other applicants. Apparently without considering the extent of the unmet demand or the possible relevance of those other applicants to its decision, it ordered the council to issue 10 licences to him.

Mr Justice Laws had allowed the council's appeal, ruling that the crown court should not have ordered the issue of any licences to Mr Kelly but should have remitted the matter back to the council for its consideration in the light of the crown court's conclusion on demand.

The issue was how a local *authority, or the crown court* exercising its powers under section 48(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 on an appeal by way of rehearing, should approach its task if it was of *the view that there was significant* unmet demand.

Should each, without more, grant the application before it, or should it consider also the extent of the demand, how many additional licences were necessary to satisfy it, and then determine the application in accordance with a system of allocation fair to the applicant and all other current applicants.

Mr Kelly submitted that while some system of allocation might be necessary for local authorities to enable them efficiently and fairly to deal with all applications for taxi licences, the exercise of the licensing function in the crown court was much more limited.

He submitted that the wording of section 16 of the 1985 Act, its statutory purpose of the removal of restraints, which called for speedy decisions, and the practical limitations as to what the court could do, required it to grant the licence unless it was satisfied that there was no significant unmet demand.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was a necessary part of the licensing function that the licensing authority, whether a local authority or the crown court on appeal from it, or a combination of the two of them, applied in relation to each applicant a system which was fair to all applicants.

That could only be done in any *particular application where* a local authority maintained that there was no significant unmet demand, and where there was such demand, by a determination *of its extent and how it was to be* matched with all the current competing applications, including that of the particular applicant.

It followed that a further process of inquiry had to take place before a decision could be made whether to grant the licences to Mr Kelly.

There was nothing in section 16 of the 1985 Act, in its requirement that a licensing authority had to grant a licence if it was not satisfied that there was no significant unmet demand, to prevent the authority, whether council or court, from examining in the context of an individual application the general state of unmet demand by reference to all outstanding applications.

A court, like a local authority might be faced with a number of applications or appeals; in such a circumstance, the court could not sensibly or properly consider each application in isolation.

Smith application

Mr Smith applied to the council for a taxi licence in 1986, 1991 and again in 1993. The council informed him that it would take no action on his applications until after the High Court's ruling in Mr *Kelly's case.*

The crown court held that the council's decision to withhold a licence by not making a decision on any of his applications was a "withholding" of a licence against which a right of appeal was provided by section 7(1)(b) of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907.

Mr Justice Laws held that "withholding" in section 7(1)(b) meant more than a failure to deal with an application; it meant refusal of a licence. He, therefore, held that Mr Smith had had no *right of appeal to the crown court.*

In reaching that conclusion he was largely influenced by the difficulty *he saw in identifying* a date of withholding, if it meant failure to make a decision, for the purpose of determining the 21-day period within which an appeal had *to be lodged.*

In his Lordship's judgment, the words and intention of section 7 were plain. In the context of licensing, section 7(1)(a) provided a *right of appeal where a local* authority had made a determination whether to grant or refuse a licence, and section 7(1)(b) provided the same right where a local *authority, by its failure to make* a determination, withheld a licence.

That interpretation might pose difficulties in determining the date of withholding for the purpose of fixing that start of the appeal period, for example, where the local authority had no established cycle of licensing meetings.

But the crown court would need to consider the particular circumstances of each case, bearing in mind always that withholding was a form of continuing inaction and that it might not be appropriate to adopt an overly rigorous attitude to the time limit for appealing in such a case.

However, for the reasons given *on Mr Kelly's appeal, Mr Smith's* application had to be remitted to the council for its consideration in the light of the crown court's conclusion on demand.

Lord Justice Staughton gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Aldous agreed.

Solicitors: Silverbeck Rymer, Liverpool; Mr P. G. Manson, Wallasey.

Trustee in bankruptcy can trace investment profits

Trustee of the Property of F. C. Jones and Sons (a Firm) v Jones

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment April 25]

A person in possession of money the legal title to which had passed to a trustee *in bankruptcy* was not entitled to retain the proceeds of profitably investing it. At common law the trustee in bankruptcy could trace those profits and assert his claim to them in an action for money had and received.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Mrs Anne Jones, and upholding, but for different reasons, the judgment of Judge Cherryman, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery *Division in Cardiff District* Registry in March 1995, that ordered that moneys in court be declared to be the property of the trustee in bankruptcy of the property of F. C. Jones and Sons and be *paid out* to him.

Mr James K. Quirke for the defendant; Mr Stephen Davies for the trustee in bankruptcy.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that in 1984 the partners of F. C. Jones and Sons, potato growers, had committed an act of bankruptcy *and in due course had been* adjudicated bankrupt.

After the act of bankruptcy but before the adjudication the defendant, the wife of one of the partners, opened an account with commodity brokers and paid in £11,700 from a joint bank account in the names of her husband and one of his partners.

The defendant's subsequent dealing in potato futures proved highly profitable and she received cheques *totalling* £50,760 from the commodity brokers and paid them into an account she had opened at R. Raphael and Sons plc.

The Official Receiver informed Raphaels of his claim to the money, the defendant immediately demanded the release of it, Raphaels interpleaded and an order was *made on the interpleader summons* that the money be paid into court.

The defendant conceded that the trustee's claim in relation to the original £11,700 was bound to succeed but argued that he could not recover the profits made from her use of that money.

The judge thought that the defendant had received the money in a fiduciary capacity and was a constructive trustee. He had erred. Plainly the defendant had not received the £11,700 in a fiduciary capacity. She was not a constructive trustee. She had no legal title to the money, at law or in equity, but was merely in possession of it.

If she retained the profit made by the use of the trustee's money, then, in the language of the modern law of restitution, she would be unjustly enriched at the expense of the trustee.

Equity had no role to play in the *instant case. The trustee had* to bring his claim at common law. If he had to trace his money he had to fall back on common law tracing rules. He claimed the money *because it belonged to him at law*, or represented profits made by the use of money which belonged to him at law.

In the circumstances the trustee could trace his money and could successfully assert his entitlement to that part of the money the money in the defendant's account at Raphaels hich represented the profits made by the use of it.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE, agreeing, said that the decision went further than the decision of *the House of Lords in Lipkin Gorman (a Firm) v Karpnale Ltd* ([1991] 2 AC 548) in that it held that the action for money had and received entitled the legal owner to trace his property *into its product*, not only in the sense of property for which it was exchanged, but also in the sense of property representing the original and the profit made by the defendant's use of it.

Justification for such an extension was to be found in the words of Lord Mansfield in his seminal judgment in *Clarke v Shee and Johnson* ((1774) 1 Cowp 197, 199) where he said of the action for money had and received: "This is a liberal action in the nature of a bill in equity and if under the circumstances of the case it appears that the defendant cannot in conscience retain what is the subject matter of it, the plaintiff may well support this action."

The defendant could not, in conscience, retain the profit any more than the original £11,700. She could not, by making a profit through the use of money to which she had no title, acquire some better title to the profit.

Lord Justice Beldam gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Thursfields, Kidderminster; Eversheds, Cardiff.

Deciding whether fresh asylum claim was made

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Ravichandran

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Sandralingham

Before Mr Justice Dyson

[Judgment April 19]

Where the Home Secretary decided that a fresh claim for asylum had not been made, that decision did not trigger a right of appeal under section 8 of the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993. *Whether a fresh claim for asylum* had been made was to be decided by the secretary of state whose decision was challengeable on public law grounds.

Mr Justice Dyson so stated in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing applications by Senathirajan Ravichandran and Iyathurai Sandralingham for judicial review of rejections by the secretary of state on February 15, 1996 of their applications for leave to enter the United Kingdom as not constituting fresh claims for asylum.

Mr Ian Lewis for the applicants; Mr Robert Jay for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE DYSON accepted that the solution to the question of a right to appeal came in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the 1993 Act. If a fresh claim for asylum had been made and was refused, it had to be accompanied by a refusal of leave to enter. That would trigger a right of appeal under section 8.

If a fresh claim had not been made, then paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 precluded any appeal under section 8.

It was insufficient for an *applicant to circumvent that provision* simply asserting that a claim was a fresh claim. It must be determined to be a fresh claim before a right of appeal could be triggered.

In *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Onibiyo* (*The Times* April 2, 1996) *it was clear that the Master of the* Rolls was saying that the decision of the secretary of state as to whether a claim was a fresh claim or not stood until and unless it was corrected on a review by the court.

So long as that decision stood, it had been determined that the applicant had not made a fresh claim for asylum and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 was a bar to an appeal.

There was no binding authority on the issue of precedent fact. *However, his Lordship adopted* the tentative answer put forward in *Ex parte Onibiyo* but which was not determinative of the appeal in that case: namely that the question whether a fresh claim had been made was for the secretary of state and the immigration appellate authorities whose determinations were susceptible to challenge only on *Wednesbury* grounds of reasonableness ([1948] 1 KB 223).

The test of what constituted a fresh claim should not be taken to mean that there must necessarily be a change in the nature of the persecution said to be feared: see *Ex parte Onibiyo.*

Thus a later claim might be a fresh claim if it was supported by convincing fresh evidence of the same persecution said to be feared as was alleged in support of the earlier claim. In the present case the secretary of state had applied the wrong test.

It was important that the secretary of state should conscientiously apply the test formulated in *Ex parte Onibiyo.*

That involved drawing a careful distinction between deciding a new claim on its merits, and deciding whether a new claim was sufficiently different from an earlier claim to admit of a realistic prospect that it could succeed, despite the rejection of the earlier one.

Solicitors: M. K. Sri & Co. Harrow; Treasury Solicitor.

Belgium not a safe third country for refugees

Regina v Special Adjudicator, Ex parte Turus and associated applications

It was not proved that Belgium was a safe third country to which to return asylum seekers.

Mr Justice Hidden so held on April 19 in granting the applications of Mehmet Turus, Adem Bostem, Awat Ammen, Adam Folly-Notsron and Selcuk Ururgul for certiorari to quash the decisions by immigration special adjudicators that their asylum appeals *should be refused* as they could each be returned to Belgium, a country through which they had travelled before entering the UK, without contravening the Conven*tion and Protocol relating to the* Status of Refugees 1951 (Cmd 9171) and 1967 (Cmd 3906).

HIS LORDSHIP said that articles 50 and 52 of the Belgian Law of December 15, 1980 provided that in certain circumstances an asylum seeker had to declare himself to be a refugee in the eight working days following his arrival.

In Kwita, a decision of the Belgian Conseil d'Etat of March 8, 1995, *an appellant entered Belgium* illegally, travelled to the United Kingdom and was returned to Belgium on third-country grounds. The court found that his Belgian application was already time barred and that his case for asylum in Belgium was not of great strength.

In the five cases before his Lordship there was abundant evidence before the adjudicators to *contradict the Home Secretary's* certificates as to the safety of Belgium for returned asylum seekers.

Correction

In *Capital and Counties plc and Another v Hampshire County Council* (*The Times* April 26) Barlow Lyde & Gilbert represented Digital Equipment Co Ltd.

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Council wrong to evict overstayer

Akinbolu v Hackney London Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Ward and Mr Justice May

[Judgment April 23]

el2A secure tenancy of a council house granted to a person whom the local authority had not realised was an overstayer and thus an illegal immigrant was not invalid and the local authority had no *right to evict him summarily.*

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the applicant, Mr Akinbolu, against the dismissal by Judge Medawar, QC, in Shoreditch County Court of his application for an injunction against Hackney London Borough Council and granting a declaration that the tenancy agreement was void.

Section 81 of the Housing Act 1985 provides: "The tenant condition is that the tenant is an individual *and occupies the dwelling-house* as his only or principal home..."

Ground 5 of Schedule 2 to the Act, by which the landlord was entitled to gain possession provides: "The tenant is the person... to whom the tenancy was granted and the landlord was induced to *grant the tenancy by a false* statement made knowingly or recklessly by the tenant."

Mr James Goudie, QC, for the applicant; Mr Richard Gordon, QC and Mr David Dabbs for Hackney.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the applicant was Nigerian born and had come to the United Kingdom at the age of 10 to attend school. He was given limited leave to remain and extensions of leave to remain, the latest of which expired over a year before *the tenancy agreement was signed.*

He failed to apply for a further extension, because, he said, of a hip injury. He was not refused an extension, he did not apply and became an overstayer and thereby committed an offence under section 24(1)(b)(i) of the Immigration Act 1971.

He was arrested by police and taken into custody as an overstayer but after a few days he was given bail and on returning to the flat he found that the housing authority had changed the locks to the flat and that he was denied entry.

The local authority's main submission related to the words of the *tenant condition itself. He argued* that there was to be added to the tenant condition in section 81 the word "lawfully" in front of "occupies". Lawful occupation was to be interpreted as not only lawfully occupying the property but also lawfully resident within the jurisdiction.

The court agreed with the principles enunciated in R v Hillingdon London Borough Council, Ex parte Streeting ([1980] 1 WLR 1425) and *R v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Tower Hamlets LBC* ([1993] QB 632) but they did not apply to the facts of the instant appeal.

The duty imposed on a housing authority in Part III of the 1985 Act required it to provide accommodation for the homeless which might or might not be by way of tenancy, which was to be contrasted with the power given to the housing authority in Part II to grant a tenancy.

The hypothesis upon which the principles set out in *Ex part Streeting* and *Ex parte Tower Hamlets* were based was that there would be an application made to the housing authority to provide accommodation which would be refused on the ground of unlawful residence.

If, however, on an application under Part III the housing authority granted a tenancy under Part II which was a secure tenancy, *it would be able to obtain* possession under one of the grounds under Schedule 2 or other grounds unconnected with immigration status but the tenant would not fail to comply with the tenant condition in section 81 by virtue of his unlawful residence.

The public policy which did not *require housing* authorities to house those who entered the country unlawfully did not extend to deny those whom they had in fact housed such statutory protection as derived from whatever agreement had been entered into.

In so far as an application was made by an illegal overstayer for a *tenancy of local authority* accommodation, the housing authority had the remedy in its own hands in the management of its housing list and in the questions in the application form to be filled in by a prospective tenant together with the interview.

If the right questions were *asked, in the vast majority of cases* the immigration situation would be identified if not its final resolution. The housing authority was free to make its own inquiries.

If false answers were given, ground 5 of Schedule 2 would apply and it would be a ground for possession of the property. There would not be many cases were nothing was asked by the landlord nor answered by the tenant.

In the present case, the immigration status of the applicant might well have caused the housing authority, with knowledge of the facts, not to offer him a tenancy. In *any event if* the immigration authorities decided to deport him, that decision would in itself resolve the issue.

In a case where a housing *authority granted a tenancy in* ignorance of the true facts about the tenant's lack of immigration status but was not misled by the tenant, public policy did not require that the tenant be evicted from the property he occupied under a lawful tenancy granted to him. The applicant ought not to have been summarily evicted and was entitled to be reinstated.

However, the court felt bound to express a view as to the circumstances in which the unlawful eviction took place.

The Protection Against Eviction Act 1977, as amended by the Housing Act 1988, was passed in order to prevent the sort of action taken by the housing authority in this case.

However one might sympathise with a housing authority in the front line of dealing with a large volume of immigrants with inadequate housing accommodation available for those already within the borough, to change the locks on a flat when the tenant was arrested, without waiting to see the immediate outcome of the immigration proceedings was to act unduly precipitately.

Solicitors: Trayman & Co, Stoke Newington; Mr Christopher Hinde, Hackney.

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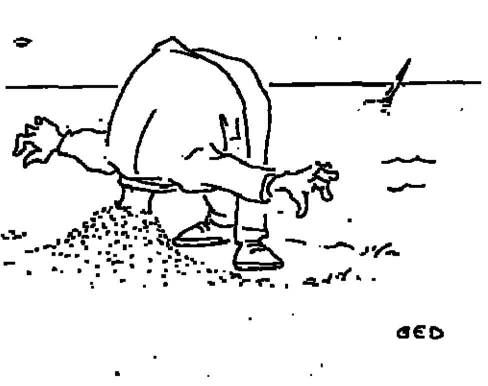

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Getting ahead of the field

John O'Leary

introduces a five-day guide to degree entry

In theory, it should be easier to win a higher education place this year, as fewer candidates chase roughly the same number of vacancies. But try telling that to admissions tutors in Britain's top universities.

Few expect there to be any let-up in the pressure for entry to the most popular courses either this year or next. Some degrees will have ten or even 20 students applying for each place.

Come September, either two A-level passes or success on vocational courses will secure a degree place somewhere. With 1.5 per cent fewer applications than at this time last year, it should be possible to cater for all those applicants who are prepared to battle through the clearing process if they miss their favoured option. But many people will be disappointed with their final destination.

Prospective students and employers are becoming more discriminating about degrees. Many firms now concentrate on a limited range of universities, rather than joining the national "milk round" of interviewing, and students are adapting accordingly.

When the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service reduced the number of choices available to applicants last year, the result was a rush for the "redbrick" universities. Although the summer clearing system will redistribute students around the sector, their initial choices showed that the educational market was having its effect.

The old claim that all degrees are of equal quality and value is seldom heard today, despite the standardisation of university titles. The divisions have shown up as the various types of university have banded together in separate groups and adopted differing attitudes to the charging of fees.

Although pockets of excellence are to be found throughout the higher education system, knowing where an institution stands in the new order is an invaluable starting point in the search for a place. Universities publish a wealth of information about themselves, but comparisons and independent judgment are harder to find.

Over the next five days, *The Good University Guide* will attempt to fill some of the gaps. As well as publishing the latest league table of universities, *The Times* will identify the top departments in more than a dozen subjects, and offer advice on how to find a suitable course.

For the first time, the main ranking will take account of the official assessments of teaching quality that have been carried out for the higher education funding councils. Another innovation will be the use of data supplied by the Higher Education Statistics Agency. Both changes should help to ensure the accuracy of Friday's table.

As in previous years, the guide will bring together the key indicators and make them accessible to readers who might not know of their existence. The information and advice should help prospective students to narrow the field and lead on to more detailed inquiries.

Tomorrow we focus on student life and examine what makes Britain's favourite study centres. Wednesday's guide concentrates on the quality debate in higher education, while on Thursday we look at the prospects for universities and their graduates.

A more detailed version of *The Good University Guide* will be published in paperback later in the month.

This year could be the calm before the storm in higher education, with intakes frozen, an election imminent and the biggest inquiry into the subject for 30 years about to begin. Even the applications process is likely to change significantly in the next few years.

Those competing for places this autumn will already be well aware that competition remains fierce in popular areas, despite the downturn in applications that has been predicted for years. Universities have been prevented from expanding undergraduate opportunities as they would have wished, so a modest drop in the number of applicants still does not spell easy access.

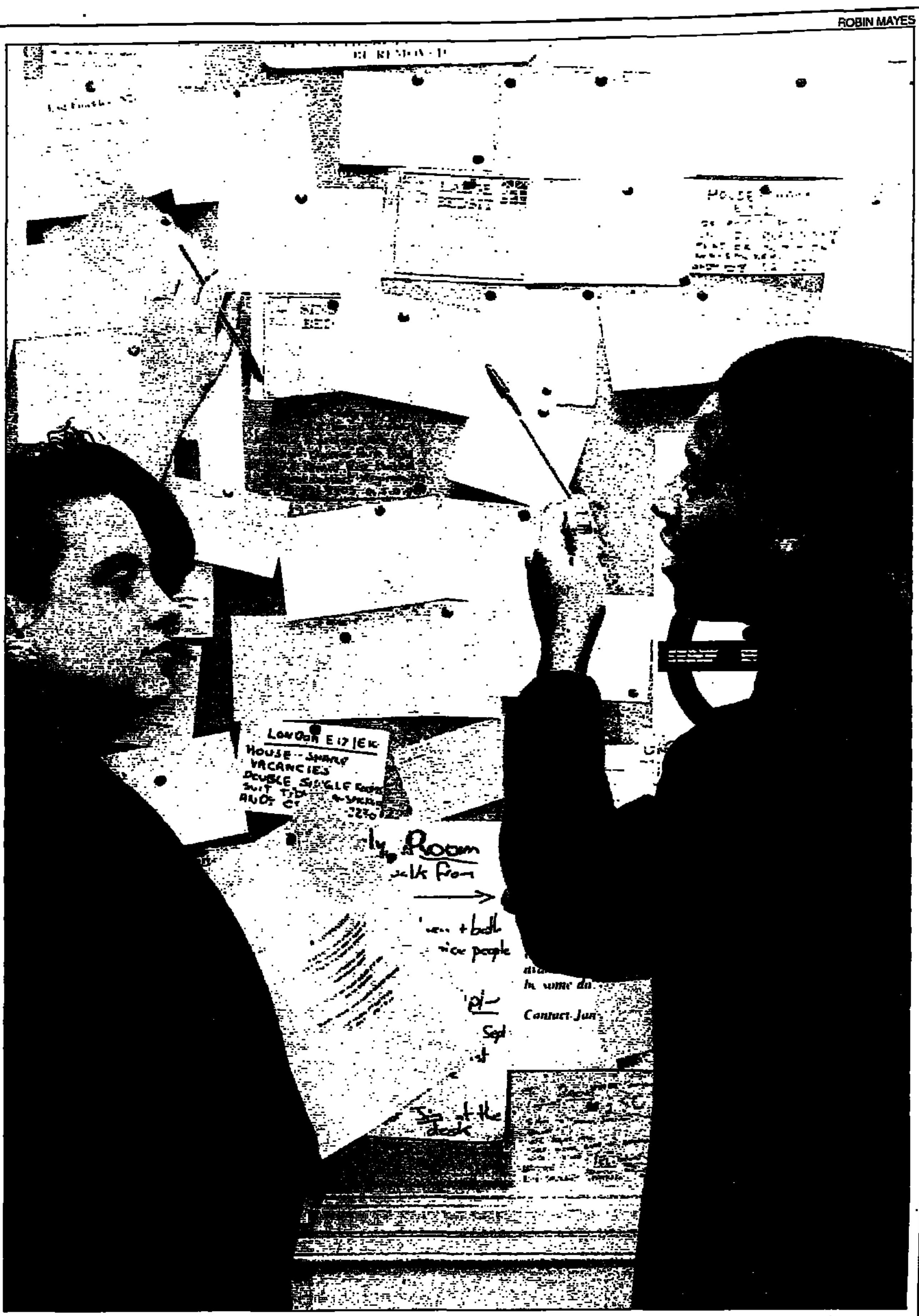
There is little reason to expect dramatic change next year. Sixth-formers and mature applicants are in the process of making choices for 1997 and, for all the attention given to student poverty and graduate unemployment, there is no indication of a collapse in demand for higher education.

Some branches of engineering are suffering another downturn in applications, but demand for medicine, dentistry, psychology and drama is buoyant. In general, arts and social science subjects continue to be the most popular.

Even graduates from prestigious universities now find that a degree no longer guarantees immediate employment, but their career prospects remain much brighter than that of school leavers. A recent upturn in the graduate employment market should bring further encouragement to those still wavering about whether to embark on a degree course.

Admissions tutors expect the applications system to settle down this year, as schools are more confident about the advice they can give sixth-formers. With no prospect of additional places in 1997, there would appear to be little point in delaying an application in the hope of easier entry.

ROBIN MAYES



Successful London University applicants check the accommodation lists at Senate House in Bloomsbury

Start early, stay flexible and read the instructions

Central system aims to smooth admissions

The official deadline for applying to start a degree course this autumn passed almost five months ago. But inquiries are still flowing into the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas).

So flexible has the system become that in some subjects universities take students right up to the start of the academic year. In others, although courses are effectively full, admissions tutors will still try to squeeze in an outstanding candidate.

Academics' hands are tied to some extent by the Government's insistence that new intakes should remain frozen. Universities face financial penalties if they overshoot their targets.

The result has been an increasing reliance on clearing, the process which matches rejected applicants to vacant places in the month following the publication of A-level grades. That is where all applicants will end up if they do not submit forms by the end of next month.

In order to speed up the clearing operation this year, entry forms will be sent in mid-July to candidates who have been rejected by all their chosen universities. This should avoid the usual bottleneck when A-level grades are published in August and should be especially useful for those taking vocational qualifications, who get their results earlier.

However, most users of the *Good University Guide* will be considering an application for 1997. They have the rest of the year to study their options, although most like to finalise their choices well before the December 15 deadline.

Oxford and Cambridge have an earlier deadline of October 15 and applications are made to colleges, rather than the central universities.

For all prospective students, however, the first step is to send for the Ucas handbook. Copies are sent to all secondary schools, colleges and public libraries, but are available direct from Ucas, PO Box 28, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 3SA.

Candidates may apply to six universities and will be allowed to hold a maximum of two offers if they get that many. No offers are made before the autumn, but there may be some advantage in an early application to ensure maximum choice and to be at the top of the pile when admissions tutors beging sifting through.

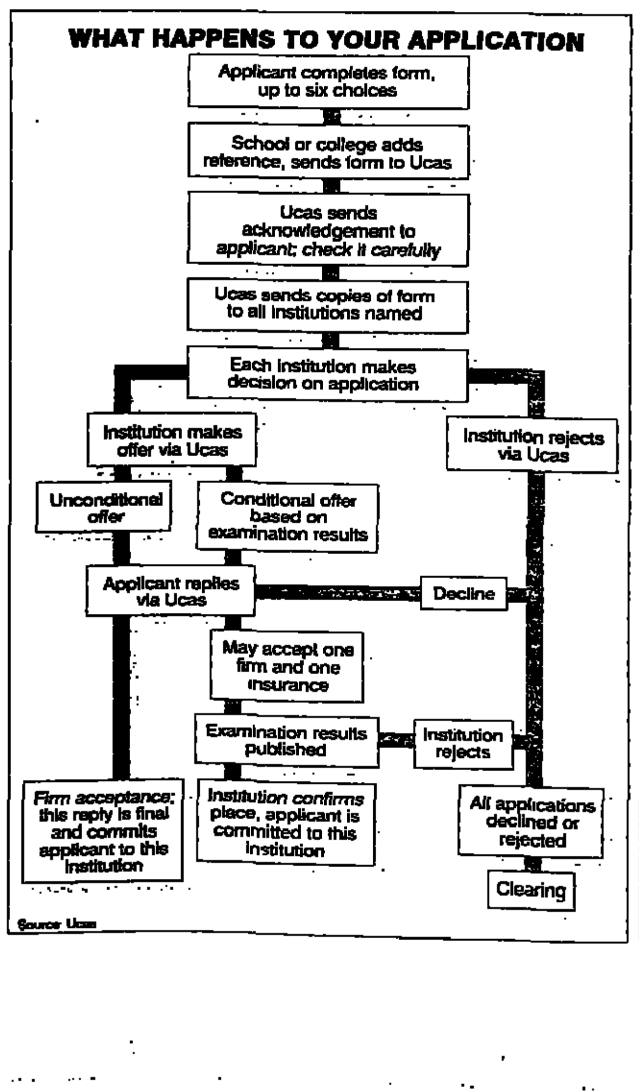
From November onwards, admissions tutors will make conditional offers based on A-level points or vocational qualifications to those still to sit their examinations. Candidates normally have to decide which offers to hold by the beginning of May, but there is no rigid timetable.

Others will either be made firm offers of a place on the basis of existing qualifications, or be rejected and left with clearing. Those who miss the December deadline may still submit an application to Ucas, but universities are not obliged to give them equal consideration.

Successful candidates are advised to make the earliest possible application for a grant from their local education authority or the Scottish Education Department. Most degree courses entitle students to a mandatory award, as well as a student loan. The loan system has improved, but students have been kept waiting for both in previous years.

JOHN O'LEARY

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR APPLICATION



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Make the most of your assets

Colleges need help to decide whom to choose

Three-quarters of a page of A4 often makes the difference between getting a university place and being rejected. That is the space allowed for a "personal statement" on the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) application form.

Sir Colin Campbell, Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University, says students should start to plan their application from the age of 14, ensuring their free time is used on activities which will impress admissions tutors. Examples of good communication and organisational skills are especially eye-catching.

The growth in student numbers over the past decade has meant that fewer applicants are interviewed and the many who match academic criteria will be sifted on their teachers' comments and the words in their own self portrait.

Jess Enderby, of Ucas, says the personal statement can be typed or hand-written, as long as it is clearly legible. "Quality rather than quantity is what is required. It is not necessary to fill the entire space. If you start to pad it out with superficial information, it becomes very noticeable," he says.

"Candidates need to include their motivation for wanting to study their chosen subject and what they intend to do with the qualification," he adds.

"They should say what they are doing at school, or elsewhere, in support of their subject interest and their aspirations, as well as any positions of responsibility, or any kind of project or achievement of which they are particularly proud."

Dr Enderby says: "If a candidate is not going to be interviewed, the personal statement is all the tutor has from them."

In many cases, if a candidate is invited to an interview they are very close to an offer of a place. Martin Godfrey, who interviews for the chemistry department at Southampton University, says: "The most important thing is to show you have got an enthusiasm for the subject and can give specific examples of things you have found interesting. Try not to look out of the window the whole time."

Dr Godfrey adds: "Your interest can be shown in a quiet way if it matches your character. You do not have to rabbit on for ages. We do not expect people to have their whole careers mapped out but we would look for evidence that applications are well-researched."

Dr Godfrey does not expect very formal dress but nothing too outrageous either. "I do not want 100 people who are clones of one another. People should show the personality they have."

Almost all candidates being considered by Cambridge are interviewed. Paul Hartle, admissions tutor at St Catharine's, gives one golden tip: tell the truth. "We interviewed someone for modern languages who expressed a keen interest in French politics on her form. This was the time of the French elections but not only did she not know who the candidates were but she did not know whether Mitterrand was on the Left or Right. I would not have minded had she not expressed such a strong interest."

Tom Hynes, an admissions tutor at St John's College, says: "These interviews have to be conversations but some people are frightened to say anything. Some of the people who interview best are those whose travel arrangements have gone wrong. They have been so keen to get here there was not time to get nervous."

He adds: "Whether it is sport or drama, there has to be something other than study. But you want to see it under control; there should not be hundreds of things, none of which are done very well."

On the academic side, since ability is taken as read, Cambridge tutors look for potential to cope with the course. Applicants are likely to be asked questions which require their A-level knowledge to be applied in an unusual scenario.

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It's open season for an Oxbridge place

Oxford and Cambridge may turn out to be surprisingly eager to offer you an opportunity, says **Graham Lacey**

You may be surprised to hear that our two most prestigious, wealthy and traditional universities are feeling a little insecure. Central government, they claim, appears not only to be trying to undermine the autonomy of their collegiate systems but also to be denying them the necessary funds to maintain their standard of education and research.

On top of this there is a growing feeling in the senior common room that they may be losing the increasingly fierce competition to attract applicants. For those at present thinking of storming the Oxbridge citadel, here are a few comforting thoughts.

The ratio of applicants to places at both universities levels out at about three to one. There is a considerable difference between courses within this bald statistic. English and law may have as many as nine applicants to one place, compared with a science course where demand may be considerably less. Some colleges, usually the central, oldest, richest ones may also be more popular than the others.

But the fact remains that even an applicant applying to the most popular course and college has fewer rivals to compete with than someone applying to an oversubscribed course at some other universities, where the ratio may be as high as 20 to one.

Of course, those who apply to Oxbridge are more selected or self-selecting than applicants to other universities, but one should not fall for the myth that they are all geniuses.

There was a rise in applications of 4.8 per cent to Cambridge last year, but those to Oxford slipped by 2.8 per cent. These relatively encouraging figures disguise a growing concern in both institutions. In short, a conflict is emerging between the desire to maintain their academic identity and standards and the need to continue to attract the desired quality as well as quantity of applicants.

The fear that Oxbridge will soon be left stranded on an island of academic purity and excellence in a sea of vocationalism and mediocrity was recently implied by an admissions tutor to me: "What should we do to attract more applicants to our subject?" Over the years, other universities have been forced to be much more sensitive to the wishes of the market for their courses even if this has meant, in some cases, a lowering of academic standards.

An instinctive conservatism may *partly have led Oxbridge to resist* travelling down this unpredictable road, but a worthy concern to protect academic standards must have been the main obstacle. But how much longer can Oxbridge continue to defend an identity which may be becoming increasingly less valued by the members of their potential market?

Then there is the issue of the reform of the admissions system. Both universities, but especially Oxford, appear to have been caught between trying to make themselves as accessible to as wide a market as possible, and turning their admissions procedure into a lottery.

Until a few years ago, the sitting of an entrance exam was a compulsory filter. Now, apart from the interview and the relatively untried experiment of submitted work or a test during the interview period, admissions tutors have little to go on other than the school reference and predicted grades.

As more and more school-leavers are predicted and achieve straight As, predictions have become of correspondingl, less value. Anyway, *it is said that fewer students* admitted with straight As can be relied upon to start the course with a sufficient base of knowledge.

The prospect of further reform of the admissions system is a reflection of the deep unease admissions staff feel about the future. If complacency has ever pervaded the corridors and cloisters of Oxbridge colleges, it is rapidly disappearing.

Prospective applicants may be surprised to hear that no longer are academic staff perched in ivory towers. In fact, they may want you as much as you want them, for their future prosperity will partly depend on attracting the right applicants just as yours might on being accepted.

If you are of suitable academic calibre, feel you would be at home at the university and on the chosen course, and would receive your school's support, do not be overawed. You might just surprise yourself.

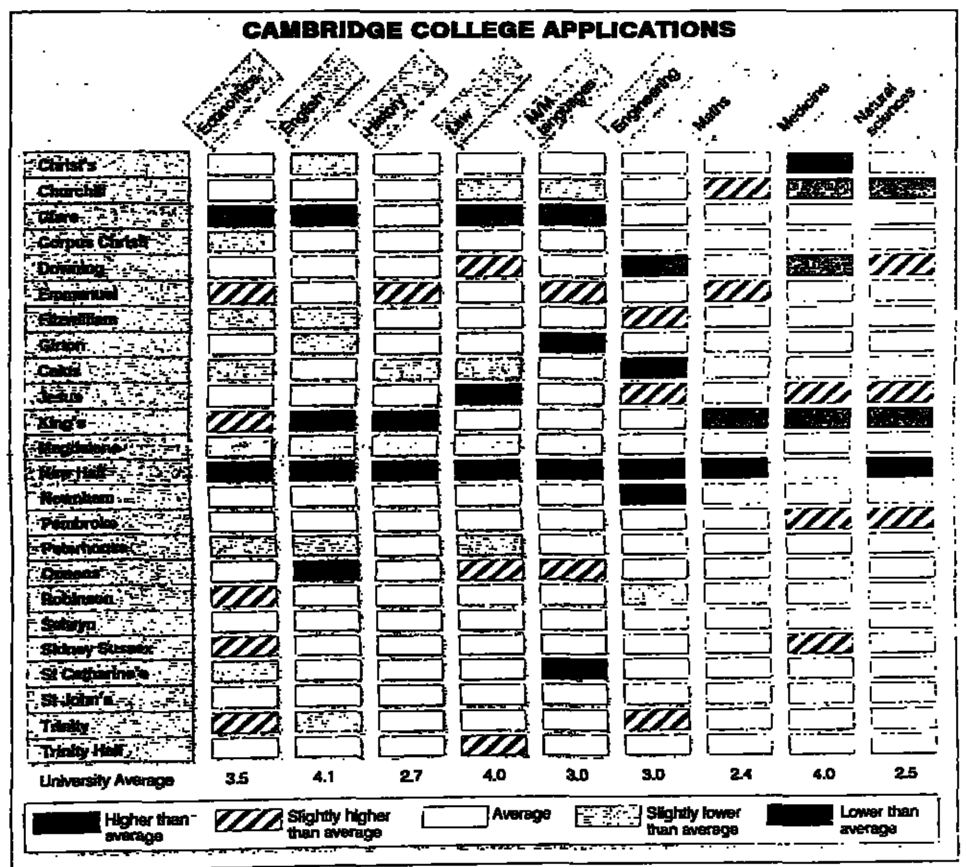
- *The author is head of careers at Sevenoaks School.*

TOMORROW

The changing student population: what makes Britain's favourite study centres, living on a student grant and working your way through college.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Cycling students in Cambridge: do not fall for the myth that all applicants to Oxbridge are geniuses



Making your choice

CHOOSING between Oxford and Cambridge is only the *start of the* ambitious student's dilemmas. Selecting the right subject and college makes all the difference.

Rather than try to second-guess a college, better to use hard facts to narrow down the choices. The tables and graphic on this page are a good starting point, as are the Norrington and Tompkins tables, which record undergraduates' results.

The two tables show, for instance, that classics and theology offer a much better prospect of a place than other arts subjects. Metailurgy at Oxford is the best bet of all for those with the right A levels.

Norrington and its Cambridge counterpart come in for heavy criticism from dons, but they do show the uninitiated which are the academic powerhouses. Corpus Christi was last year's top Oxford college, with Magdalen and *Balliol* close behind.

At Cambridge, King's enjoyed five successive years at the head of the finals table before succumbing to Christ's in 1995. St Catharine's and Emmanuel had a meteoric rise to second and *third* respectively.

Combined with the Cambridge chart above, or its numerical counterpart in the Oxford prospectus, the tables can help applicants to build up a picture of a college's academic strengths. At Oxford, for example, Lincoln College has seven applicants to the place for English but fewer than three for chemistry; Keble has almost five applicants to the place for physics and only 1.3 for modern languages.

OXFORD

	Applications 1994	Applications 1993	Acceptances 1994	Acceptances 1993	% success 1994	% success 1993
Arts						
Ancient and Modern History	55	39	16	19	29.1	48.7
Archaeology and Anthropology	46	57	17	20	37.0	35.1
Classics	182	191	119	134	65.4	70.2
Classics and English	26	13	9	7	34.6	53.9
Classics and Modern Languages	35	20	14	13	40.0	65.0
Economics and Management	331	289	44	22	13.3	7.6
English	1,041	998	263	268	25.3	26.9
English and Modern Languages	98	86	24	24	24.5	27.9
European and Middle Eastern Languages	17	-	7	-	41.2	-
Fine Art	140	166	23	22	16.4	13.3
Geography	272	290	106	109	39.0	37.6
Law	944	955	245	266	25.9	27.9
Law with Law Studies in Europe	295	222	21	20	7.1	9.0
Mathematics and Philosophy	62	38	27	22	43.5	37.9
Modern History	794	759	290	276	37.0	36.4
Modern History and Economics	47	33	8	10	17.0	30.3
Modern History and English	57	80	11	15	19.3	18.7
Modern History and Modern Languages	89	71	27	31	30.3	43.7
Modern Languages	459	437	199	208	43.4	47.6
Music	118	110	61	54	51.7	49.1
Oriental Studies	86	97	43	45	50.0	46.4
Philosophy and Modern Languages	66	53	22	20	33.3	37.7
Philosophy and Theology	80	71	27	27	33.7	38.0
Physics and Philosophy	41	50	10	18	24.4	36.0
PPE	998	912	293	299	29.4	32.8
Theology	65	68	41	44	63.1	64.7
Sciences						
Biochemistry	158	127	96	86	60.7	67.7
Biological Sciences	157	191	96	97	61.1	50.7
Chemistry	299	282	184	185	61.5	65.6
Computation	40	31	18	13	45.0	41.9
Earth Sciences (Geology)	47	45	34	35	72.3	77.8
Engineering Science	376	324	122	123	32.4	38.0
Engineering and Computer Science	71	60	22	25	31.0	41.7
Engineering Economics and Management	77	106	24	28	31.2	26.4
Engineering and Materials	17	13	10	8	58.8	61.5
Experimental Psychology	145	145	41	53	28.3	36.6
Human Sciences	122	102	43	39	35.2	38.2
Mathematics	447	451	190	207	42.5	45.9
Mathematics and Computation	52	73	25	34	48.1	46.6
Medicine	679	639	99	97	14.6	15.2
Metallurgy and MEM	28	34	21	29	75.0	85.3
Physics	431	454	183	169	42.5	37.2
Physiological Sciences	37	26	14	13	37.8	50.0
PPP	181	152	42	42	23.2	27.6
Total	9,796	9,380	3,231	3,276	33.0	34.9

CAMBRIDGE

	Applications No	Applications %	Acceptances No	Acceptances %	Ratio
Arts					
Anglo-Saxon	44	-	14	-	31.8
Archaeology and Anthropology	156	2	62	2	39.7
Architecture	217	2	42	1	19.3
Classics	150	1	95	3	63.3
English	765	7	197	6	25.7
Geography	269	3	90	3	33.5
History	550	5	201	6	36.5
Modern and Medieval Languages	636	6	212	7	33.3
Music	147	1	63	2	42.9
Oriental Studies	80	1	20	1	25.0
Philosophy	125	1	44	1	35.2
Theology and Religious Studies	76	1	35	1	46.0
Social Sciences					
Economics	752	7	175	6	23.3
Land Economy	77	1	28	1	36.4
Law	930	9	205	7	22.0
Social and Political Sciences	374	4	101	3	27.0
Science and Technology					
Computer Science	254	2	65	2	25.6
Mathematics	458	4	216	7	47.2
Mathematics with Computer Science	56	1	12	-	21.4
Mathematics with Physics	64	1	17	1	26.6
Natural Sciences	1,564	15	603	19	38.5
Engineering	1,136	11	304	10	26.8
Medical Sciences	994	10	239	8	24.0
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86.70	Glenmorangie A	633		2.2	17.8
9,247.80	Grand Met	441	+12	4.2	19.0
9,321.80	Guinness†	484	+14	3.8	15.8
502.70	Highland Distl†	377	+13	2.7	17.6
198.40	Macallan-Glenl†	169	.	1.1	34.7
685.30	Matthew Clark	776	+4	3.5	.
13.80	Merrydown W	125	+2	2.0	.
5,025.40	SA Breweries	1706¼	-231¼	1.8	27.0

BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
10,270.10	ABN-AMRO	3387½	-109¾	4.1	11.6
7,344.80	Abbey Natl	559	+5	4.9	10.7
2,355.20	Allied Irish	350	+7	4.9	10.2
4,377.40	Aus New Z	315	-1	5.5	.
16,713.90	Bank America	4775	-62½		
2,821.50	Bank Scotland†	238½		3.6	11.3
11,887.50	Barclays	750	+7	4.3	9.8
2,250.70	Bk of Ireland	468	+4	3.6	9.4
133.30	Cater Allen	409	-13	9.2	6.8
24,349.30	Citicorp†	5031¼	-87½	.	...
465.20	Close Bros	381	-1	3.0	16.9
5,069.50	Commerzbk	£141¾	-187½	3.6	
39,101.90	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1253½	-81¼	0.4	.
15,053.10	Deutsche Bk	3165¾	+50	2.2	.
165.00	Espirito Santo	771½	-9¾	4.7	10.2
40,099.70	Fuji Bank Y	1984	-49	0.4	
191.70	Gerrard Nat	382	-2	7.2	12.7
419.50	Hambros	237	-6	4.0	
8,222.50	HSBC†	956	-12	4.2	10.2
16,951.20	HSBC HK†	955	-12	4.2	10.2
331.80	Irish Perm†	398	.	3.2	
44.90	King Shaxson	170	+7	6.6	13.2
23.90	Leopold J	450	.	5.2	15.5
15,956.70	Lloyds TSB	313	+4½	3.1	13.8
8,676.00	Nat Aust Bk	587	+2	7.3	7.6
11,040.50	Nat West	622	-9	5.1	8.7
28.00	Rea Brothers†	58	.	2.2	27.5
4,255.30	Ryl Bk Scot	526	+7	4.1	11.8
1,902.60	Schroders	1260	+2	1.6	17.5
452.30	Schroders N/V	1028	+3	1.9	14.4
223.20	Singer & Fried†	113	...	4.4	9.4
5,937.80	Stand Chart†	609	-5	2.3	13.3
24.70	Union	93	.	4.0	.
15,110.60	Wells Fargo†	£155	-34¾	2.2	
5,875.90	Westpac	389¼	-11	4.8	.
25.80	Wintrust	300		4.9	17.2

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4.32	Aberdn Stk H©	36	.		7.8
95.80	Ascot Hldgs	347			0.7
6,914.90	Bass	784	+17	3.6	18.1
11.50	Brit for the Bdr	48		4.3	12.6
34.50	Burtonwd Brw	166	.	4.1	16.1
227.10	City Centre Rest†	117½	+2¼	2.4	22.2
1,677.90	Compass Gp	533	-4	1.8	23.5
52.60	Eldridge P 'A'©	253	-2	2.3	23.3
101.30	Fullr Sm 'A'©	494	+5	2.2	19.5
1,805.40	Greenalls Grp	612	-21	2.9	16.6
388.30	Greene King	680		2.6	16.7
36.60	Grosvenor Inns	258	+11	2.7	27.4
41.50	Groupe Chez Gerl	222	.	1.4	22.5
61.40	Hardy Hanson	307	-5	4.1	11.5
4.87	Heavitree	210	.	3.5	12.7
102.30	Holl Jt	3309	-32	2.1	
25.70	Inn Business	54	.		.
224.20	Mansfield	347		1.9	17.4
315.50	Mrstn Thmp	351	+2	2.6	16.5
181.20	Morland	659	-1	2.2	18.5
35.50	My Kinda Town	145		2.6	14.3
5.34	Paramount†	4½		6.1	7.2
96.70	Pelican Gp	131		1.6	22.0
203.00	PizzaExpress	350	-2	0.8	36.3
33.40	Ramsdens (H)	380	-4	1.6	39.9
169.30	Regent Inns	1045	+17	0.9	32.8
4,077.00	Scot & New	664	-13	3.5	17.9
86.90	Tom Cobleigh	218	-1	1.6	35.4
415.10	Vaux Group	294	-12	4.4	15.0
353.80	Wetherspoon JD†	945	+52	1.1	33.0
3,583.90	Whitbread	742	-5	3.8	18.8
458.30	Wolvrhmptn D	684	+5	2.8	16.7
159.20	Yates Bros	403		1.0	35.8
17.80	Young 'A'	615	+57	3.1	25.0

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.47	AAF Inds	28	-3	..	
65.10	Abbey	168	-7	3.9	10.9
94.70	Allen	287	+3	2.6	21.4
227.20	Amec†	112	.	3.3	.
45.70	Andrews Sykes†	315		1.6	
255.30	Ashtead	185	-5	1.7	16.0
18.50	Avonside	38		3.3	.
2.94	Bailey (Ben) Conf	28		4.7	11.8
24.40	Barcom	46	+5	0.8	
609.60	Barratt Devs▼	283	+3	3.9	16.2
547.80	Beazer Homes	195	-2	3.8	15.8
312.20	Bellway	316	-3	3.1	15.1
8.57	Bellwinch	19	.		
543.60	Berkeley Gp	574	+9	1.7	17.7
21.90	Bett Bros	146	+8	4.6	5.2
65.60	Boot (Henry)†	243	-5	3.9	10.5
26.10	Brandon Hire	120	+1	2.4	17.5
5.47	Britannia Grp†	24	-1	8.3	
5.04	Br Bldg & Eng	45	.		
353.10	Bryant	126	-4	5.0	15.3
41.60	CALA	97	..	4.3	10.6
2.30	Campbll & Arm	16			12.7
6.40	Clarke T	52		9.8	
45.10	Costain	87	-2		
65.70	Countryside	86	+4	4.1	
78.30	Crest Nicholson	79	-2	3.2	26.2
14.60	Cussins†	82	.	5.9	.
16.30	Eve Group	165	-5	6.8	8.9
19.10	Galliford	21½		5.8	45.5
86.70	Gleeson (MJ)	858		2.2	15.8
3.70	Green (Ernst)	48		7.0	
88.60	Havelock Euro	337		1.3	24.8
438.10	Hewden-Stuart†	158	-1½	2.4	17.5
64.20	Higgs & Hill†	97	-1½	3.2	
5.54	Howard Hldgs	21	+½	4.8	19.1

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
248.30	Brammer†	547	+1	3.3	
5.78	Bridgend Gp	21	-1	1.2	
24.00	Brit Fittings†	101	...	4.5	13.9
9.40	Cathyns	285		5.0	19.7
37.90	Cavendish†	14¼	-¼	2.6	..
12.90	Central Mfr	94	+3	0.7	.
38.70	Charles Sidney	93		5.0	14.8
26.60	Cook (DC)	62	+3	3.4	9.1
625.80	Cowie	388	+3	3.4	14.6
40.90	Day Motors†	189	-2	5.7	
28.50	Denmans El	161	-1	2.0	14.5
231.40	Diploma	414	-1	4.4	13.4
1,640.50	Electrocomponts	387	-5	1.9	26.3
126.00	Eurodis Elec	215	-9	2.8	15.5
63.70	Eurodollar	130	-1	7.5	7.8
53.10	European Mtr	99	.	6.6	8.5
120.40	Evans Halshaw†	375	+1	5.5	13.6
9.14	Fife Indmar	59	-2	7.0	
102.70	Finelist Grp	313	.	2.2	18.4
31.10	Gardiner	29	.	3.7	11.6
16.60	Glenchewton†	55	-1	2.0	40.4
8.19	Gowrings†	89	+1	3.9	
27.60	Harris (Phillip)	253	+2	3.6	16.1
139.10	Hasdam	385		2.3	
345.20	Henlys	655	-3	2.3	19.2
6.08	Holders Tech©▼	185	-3	3.9	.
72.00	ISA Intl	180	+8	1.7	
1,511.20	Inchcape†	286	-4	4.0	
5.51	Jacks (Wm)	51		4.4	
401.60	Kwik-Fit	230	+3	2.7	16.2
412.80	Lex Service	365	+4	5.1	13.3
48.10	Lookers	144	+1	6.9	8.4
22.10	Malaya Grp†	13½		6.1	14.0
48.20	Middlesex©	8	-½	1.2	..
19.80	Midstates	37½	-2		
55.20	Norbain	531	-30	1.8	18.0
49.00	Northamber	288	-1	0.8	23.1
11.60	PCT©	130		7.7	.
125.30	Pendragon	326	-1	3.5	16.5
50.80	Perry Gp	200	-2	5.1	11.6
1,936.30	Premier Farnell†	738	-2	1.8	
37.70	Quicks Group†	163	.	4.8	13.6
22.10	REA	248	+3	2.0	31.0
4.87	Reece	2¼	+½		
19.30	Ronson	43	-2	4.5	.
5.17	Ross Gp	3½	-¼	..	
45.90	SEP Ind	51		3.9	11.9
45.30	Saltire	17½	+½	0.7	23.2
170.90	Time Products	320	..	3.6	18.7
8.29	Torex Hire	35	+1	4.6	18.4
152.90	Vardy (Reg)	326		2.3	18.1
57.20	Wholesale Ftgs	400		3.7	21.2
36.80	Wilshaw	39½	+3¼	2.5	9.4
66.20	Wyko	130	-3	1.7	
20.60	Young (H)	124	+1	3.9	14.5

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4.59	Anglo Utd	0½			
542.20	Antofagasta	345	-3	1.9	11.5
18,563.60	Broken Hill	1018	-21	2.6	21.4
12,166.30	BTR†	313	-2	5.9	12.9
15,330.10	BAT†	495	-11	6.1	10.3
319.60	Berisford Intl	210	-6	1.8	20.4
190.70	Bibby (J)	122	+1	5.9	9.8
1,592.40	Brierley Inv	58¾	-1¼	8.0	3.0
844.70	Charter†	972	+20	3.5	14.4
2,124.10	Cookson†	311	+½	3.2	16.3
22.00	Cosalt	180	+4	6.4	11.1
198.20	DCC	256	+1	3.5	
94.20	Grampian Hldg†	735	+1	5.6	15.0
10,376.00	Hanson	199½	+2½	7.5	9.9
1,044.70	Harrisn Crsfld†	147	+2	7.7	15.6
14,348.70	Hutch Whamp	397	-8¼	2.0	20.9
3,834.30	Jardine Math	533¾	-5½	3.7	
1,474.60	Lonrho	189	-4	3.1	21.2
115.10	McLeod Russel	188	.	4.3	17.0
368.10	Powell Duffryn	428	-4	7.3	17.6
30.90	Ropner†	132	-1	7.8	
3,614.20	Sime Darby†	171	.	2.9	15.2
262.20	Staveley	227	-4	4.7	15.5
199.40	Suter†	169	.	7.2	10.5
543.10	TT Group†	339	+2	2.4	17.4
3,195.70	Tomkins	269	+3	4.1	14.8
538.70	Trafalgar H	50	-½		
51.10	Unidare	263		8.3	9.1
116.00	Wardle Storeys†	455	+5	5.0	20.6
599.80	Wassall†	309	+14	2.2	16.5
102.10	Wholesall	232	.	2.4	17.2
1,894.10	Williams Hldg†	336	-4¼	5.5	15.0

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,308.30	East Midlands	609	-18	6.1	8.5
1,358.60	London Elect	779	-40	5.8	8.9
1,676.00	Midlands Elec	427	+4	5.4	10.8
3,297.40	National Grid	195	-3½	6.2	8.8
6,088.30	National Power	535	-8	3.9	11.0
6,072.20	Natl Power P/P	398	-11	3.9	11.0
626.40	Northern Elec	619	-31	6.9	7.7
615.50	Nthn Ireland	439	-3	4.1	9.7
3,960.30	PowerGen	544	-13	3.8	10.0
3,960.30	PowerGen (P/P)	402	-15	3.8	10.0
1,320.40	Hydro-Elect	343¼	-1½	5.2	9.5
3,531.50	Scottish Power	374½	+7½	5.3	10.8
2,123.80	Southern Elec	820	-19	5.8	9.3
1,247.40	Yorkshire Elec	786	-37	5.8	8.2

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
111.80	Acal	559		1.7	20.3
346.00	Acorn Comp	273	+13		
159.80	Admiral	1278	-57	0.9	31.5
243.20	Amstrad	208	+14	1.7	
35.70	Ardent†	48	+4½	1.8	..
432.00	Aslect†	140	-4	1.3	
159.00	Azlan	591	-22	0.7	26.4
1,204.60	BICC†	340	+8	4.6	
32.30	Beales Hunter	210	.	6.2	21.3
155.50	Black	505	+2	3.2	14.8
868.70	Bowthorpe†	448	+7	2.7	19.5
6.11	Bulgin (AF) 'A	23¼	-¼	2.2	9.2
22.90	CML Micro©	123		6.2	12.8
31.90	Channel Hldgs	35		4.7	15.2
67.30	Chloride	27¼	-½	1.5	35.8
14.30	Clayhithe	70	..	5.6	11.9
111.40	Cray Elect	47	.	4.0	
122.50	Critchley	639	+28	1.5	28.7
1,687.10	Dales Es Sys	770	-35	0.4	.

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
125.10	Quadramatic	260	+1	3.9	16.1
6.00	Quadrant Grp	16		2.0	44.7
0.88	Radiant Metal	65			
92.50	Ransomes	67		...	18.8
27.40	Record	80		5.8	14.6
209.00	Renold	298½		2.2	16.9
2.77	Richards Group	33	..	8.5	9.8
26.30	Richardson Westt	78		5.8	
3,324.50	Rolls-Royce†	226	-1	2.8	27.0
207.80	Rotork†	237	-1	2.8	21.7
166.40	Rubicon	190	-1	3.6	18.9
964.60	SKF 'B'	1512½	-18¾	3.4	
324.90	Senior Engt	107	-1	4.2	20.2
42.10	Swild-Rivet	215	-1	1.7	22.3
4,085.90	Siebe	862	+9	1.8	23.8
121.20	Simon Engt	77		1.0	21.1
147.70	Six Hundred	273	+2	1.0	19.6
2,095.90	Smiths Indt	694	-10	2.7	20.6
576.90	Spirax-Sarco†	733		2.3	21.7
98.50	Sterling Ind	324	+1	3.0	15.7
2,566.30	TI†	546	-4	2.8	21.1
9.57	Tinsley (E)©	92	...	7.7	13.5
124.70	Transtec	130		2.3	
110.70	Triplex Lloyd	169	-4	5.2	12.5
51.30	Unicorn Intl	153	+½	4.5	15.2
35.80	Utd Inds	16	+½	3.6	.
20.70	Verson	14			
849.00	Vickers	253½	-1½	3.3	16.5
14.80	Villiers Grp	12½			
363.30	[illegible]	749		1.8	14.2
264.20	Vosper Thorny	823		3.3	15.0
216.50	Wagon Ind	418	-4	5.7	12.0
514.00	Weir†	257	+4	3.6	15.4
62.50	Wellington Hdg†	265	+4	3.5	
78.70	Wellman	54		3.8	11.8
92.60	Whatman†	389	+8	3.7	17.0
9.20	Widney	76		5.7	8.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
120.60	Adwest	148	.	6.7	41.7
24.50	Airflow Stream	288		3.5	6.7
167.10	Avon Rubber	628	+28	3.8	15.1
227.60	BSG	77½	+2	5.3	13.8
58.30	Bostrom†	345	+11	2.4	15.1
13.20	Boustead	20	-1	6.2	..
23.00	ERF	235	+1	2.4	13.8
73.90	First Tech	468	+3	2.0	16.7
3,353.00	GKN†	958	-12	3.1	17.4
24,913.40	General Mtr	3505¼	-131¼	3.0	
14,394.00	Honda Motor	1477½	-6½	0.6	.
647.50	Laird†	456	-36	3.3	
8.90	Loades	445		0.3	
2,061.10	Lucas†	234	+26	3.7	31.3
251.50	Mayflower†	115	+1	2.2	45.6
39.10	Sylone	165	-2	3.5	13.8
929.80	T & N†	175	+1	4.3	11.2
214.80	Trinity Hldgs	385	-3	2.7	.

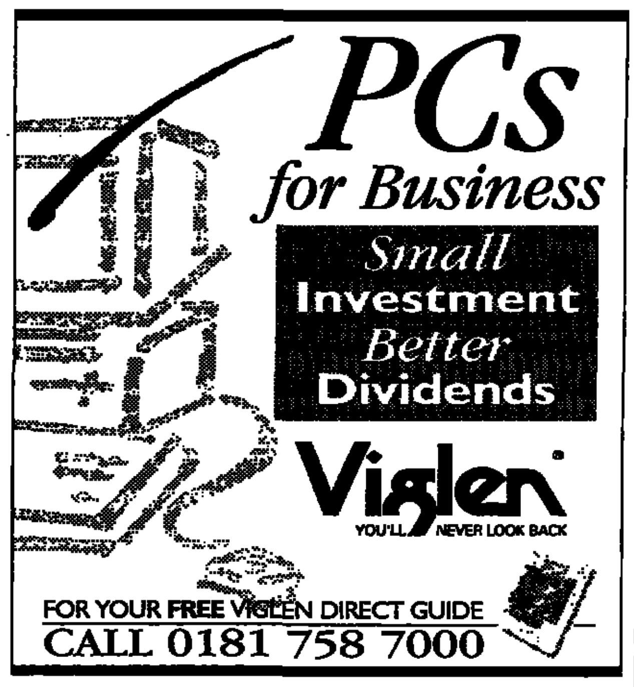
FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3,474.00	AB Food	386	-2	2.9	13.7
107.50	Acatos & Hutch	250	-3	4.5	20.5
367.00	Albert Fisher†	61½	+½	9.1	12.8
25.70	Banks (S C)	295	+8	4.4	11.1
65.40	Barr (AG)	337	+7	3.0	22.0
15.80	Bensons Crsp	31	+3	.	79.6
887.00	Booker†	393	+4	7.3	14.8
17.50	Borthwick	30	-1	5.4	21.7
63.50	CPL Aromas	485		1.1	30.3
4,895.40	Cadbury-Schw†	492	-17	4.1	16.4
14.70	Canadian Pizza	81	-1	7.4	13.6
23.40	Carrs Milling	335	.	3.5	12.1
62.40	Caughan	93	-2	3.0	12.3
11.30	Continental Fds	78	-5	5.8	6.9
27.30	Cranswick	192	-5	5.7	12.3
1,095.70	Dalgety†	379	+1	7.3	11.4
	Daniels S	32			
370.50	Devro†	233	.	4.1	13.4
27.40	Everest	108	.	4.7	9.7
79.80	Finlay (James)	80	+2	5.1	..
29.20	Global†	20	+½	3.8	13.3
586.30	Greencore†	318	+1	2.5	13.4
234.90	Hazlewood Fds	101	+1	8.3	8.3
1,273.30	Hillsdown†	181	+2	6.6	12.6
22.50	JLI Group	57	..	10.9	9.8
56.50	Linton Park	349	+5	5.5	..
137.50	Matthews (B)	111	-1	3.8	10.6
88.70	Nichols (V)†	225	-1	3.7	14.1
1,049.40	Nthn Foods	181		6.1	
7.37	Nthmbrn Fo	12		..	9.0
1.81	Pascoe's	113			
7.11	Pengilaien (UK)	9	..		
100.90	Perkins Food†	81		6.9	13.4
18.20	Platt & Gen	57	-1	5.9	6.2
34.90	SeaPerfect#	71	.	.	.
12.80	Seatry Farm†	298	+41	2.1	
10.70	Sims Food	31	+1	12.1	10.4
2,067.00	Tate & Lyle	473	-11	4.4	9.8

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
113.80	Candover†	508	-5	3.3	
133.00	Central Euro Gwth	66½	+1½	0.8	..
46.90	Contl Asset	214	+½	1.8	78.8
4.89	Danae Inv Inc	67		14.9	7.8
56.80	Derby Cap	370	-10	..	.
16.80	Derby Inc	142		17.0	7.3
227.50	Dunedin Inc G	711	-1	4.8	24.9
19.00	Dunedin Japan	93½	-2		
82.00	Dunedin Smlr	369	+½	3.0	47.4
1.92	Dunedin Wts	24	-¼		
290.80	Dunedin Wwde	868	-5	1.4	75.7
287.20	Edin Dragon	106¼	-4	.	.
23.00	Edinburgh Inca	28			
981.30	Edinburgh	334	+½	3.6	32.2
39.40	EFM Japan	167½	-3½		
685.90	Electra Inv	402	-2	2.3	64.2
225.10	Electric Gen	249	-2	1.7	66.2
1.99	English Scot	151	-1	.	.
100.00	European Asset	401	-1	1.5	
109.90	Fidelity Euro Valt	211	-2	0.3	.
87.40	Fidelity Jap Val	83	+½	0.2	.
45.30	Fidelity Spec Val	123½	-½	0.5	
28.30	Finsbury 'A'	183	..	3.3	58.9
174.70	Five Arr Chile	191	-1½	1.7	52.9
0.58	Five Arr Wts	32¼	-¼		
216.20	Fleming Amer	316½	+3½	1.0	
44.70	Fleming Cap	111	-2	..	..
34.30	Fleming Chinese	56¼	-2¾	1.1	66.5
3.06	Fleming Ch Wts	25½	-1		
150.40	Fleming Claverl	272	-1	2.8	34.4
255.30	Fleming Contl	391	-3	1.3	.
141.80	Fleming Em Mkts	146½	-½		
108.00	Fleming Entp	270	+1	2.4	50.3
558.40	Fleming F East	388	-6½	0.4	.
58.60	Fleming Fledg	448	+2	0.8	
34.30	Fleming Hi Inc	105½	-1½	5.5	21.7
84.50	Fleming Income	105	-½	11.3	11.1
58.60	Fleming Indian	63¼	-3½		.
5.80	Fleming In Wts	34¼	-2½		
30.80	Fleming Intl	41½	+½	11.3	11.4
534.90	Fleming Japan	277	-9	..	..
481.20	Fleming Merc	333	-1½	2.9	
49.70	Fleming Nat Res	121	...	0.5	
462.10	Fleming Overs	348	-1½	1.7	61.3
34.80	Fleming Smllr Co	135		4.1	39.1
1.80	Fleming Smllr Wt	37	+1½		
1,697.40	Foreign & Col	161½	-1½	1.6	..
43.20	F&C Inc Gwth	100	-3	4.1	29.4
205.80	F&C Emg Mkts	109½	-2½		
95.40	F&C Enterprise	101½		1.5	62.3
186.30	F&C Eurotst	299	-4	0.5	
51.90	F&C German	132		0.5	.
457.10	F&C Pacific†	198½	-6	1.2	69.1
93.10	F&C PEP	146	+2	3.3	34.1
201.00	F&C Smaller	192	-½	1.4	79.0
69.80	F&C US Smlr	139		.	.
2.33	Fulcrum Cap	14½	..	...	
3.50	Fulcrum Inc	32			3.4
14.60	Fulcrum Zero	168½	+½		
109.00	Gartmore BritT	218		4.2	
9.49	Gartmore Emt	211		2.4	45.5
34.00	Gartmore Euro	191	-½	0.8	.
28.40	Gartmore Shrd	83½	-½	14.4	8.4
42.80	G'more Smlr Cos†	297		2.4	51.8
43.90	Geared Inc Invt	77		14.1	
31.70	Genl Cons Cap	175	-3		
38.40	Genl Inc	106		11.3	10.6
38.50	German Inv	98½	-2	0.3	
92.30	Gov Asia Sm Cos†	248	-7	0.2	
41.00	Gov Emg Mks	114½	-1	0.3	
56.30	Govett Am Smlr	226	+3	.	
21.10	Gov Glob Smlr	97	-1		
34.40	Govett High Inc	72	+1½	9.7	12.1
761.90	Govett Oriental	424	-5½	0.4	.
327.00	Govett Strategic†	333	+1	2.6	43.4
60.00	Greenfriar	496	-5	1.8	59.2
0.25	Gresham House	6			
52.30	GT Inc Growth	97	-1		
147.60	GT Japan	236½	-5½	0.7	
90.00	Gun Fl Ex Inc	90		13.3	
14.80	Henderson Am Cp	39½	-½		
7.72	Henderson Am Inf	103		9.5	11.6
0.97	Henderson Am Wt	13			
30.30	Hend High†	116	-2½	6.4	17.9
79.20	Hend Strata	474	-3	0.4	
97.50	Herald	150	-2	0.5	
	Herald C	102			
19.30	High Income T	85		9.4	11.7
126.80	H Govett Smlr	150	+1½	1.7	68.6
105.90	HTR Jap Smaller	105¾	-1¾		.
0.45	I&S Enl	15			
40.90	I&S UK Smlr	141	-2	2.6	
336.50	Inv Capt	136	-¾	4.9	24.1
50.60	Inl Biotech	132	+3	0.9	
	Inl Wts	45	+2	.	..
31.80	Intl C	106	+4		
121.70	INVESCO Asia	108½	-1½	...	.
8.09	INVESCO Blue	64		16.4	7.2
82.80	INVESCO Eng Int	169	-½	0.7	.
45.00	INVESCO Korea	135		.	.
65.60	INVESCO Tokyo	58½	-½		
25.10	J Fry 2nd U	89½	-1	9.8	10.8
8.15	J Fry Euro U	76½	+½	7.2	14.0
160.60	JF Fledg Jap	255	-1		

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.08	Morg Wts	63½	-½		
46.10	Morg Latn Amer	71¾	+1¼	.	
3.40	Morg Wts	26½	+¼		
33.40	Murray Ent	135	-1	2.4	47.0
1.06	Murray Ent Wts	22			
80.10	Murray Emg Eco	92½	-¾	1.2	
3.77	Murray Em Ec Wt	29	-½	..	
23.30	Murray Euro	64¾	-¾	0.7	
313.80	Murray Income	364	-2	4.1	30.0
501.20	Murray Intl	417	-2	3.8	30.5
12.00	Murray S/C DP	187	+½	.	
7.95	Murray S/C Cap	142	-3		
5.68	Murray S/C Inc	71		20.0	6.3
1.57	Murray S/C Uts	3025		0.5	
385.50	Murray Small	509	..	1.1	
91.90	Murray Ventl	372		4.1	30.5
5.07	Newmarket	14			
20.40	Nuthrog Inc	52		11.4	11.7
16.60	Nuthrog Cap	67	-1		
153.20	O'seas Inv Tst	402		1.1	
3.55	O'seas Wts	198	-6		
183.50	Pacific Assets	141¼	-½	0.3	
32.50	Perpetual Jap	88½	-¼		
18.50	Perpl UK Sm Co	356		0.8	75.1
23.30	Personal Assets†	£116½		2.4	
44.70	Pilot Inv	120½		2.0	58.3
85.00	Prolific Inc	121½	-2	4.8	28.2
419.70	RIT Cap Ptns	232	+6	0.9	
	Robeco†	481	-10	2.8	.
	Rolinco†	518	-23	1.5	
161.00	Schrd Asia Pac	115	-3½		
95.00	Schrod Inc Gwth	130		4.2	.
108.40	Schrod Jap Gwth	86¾	-2¼		
58.50	Schrod Korea	880½	-11¾		
1.97	Schrod Medimt	358	+14	0.5	
8.23	Schrod Split Cap	22	-½		
57.70	Schrod Split Inc	102	+1½	9.6	
49.40	Schrod Split Zero	131			
281.80	Schrod UK Gwth	127½	-3½	2.9	45.4
782.30	Scot	369	-1½	2.6	46.8
390.20	Scot American	174½	-½	3.7	30.9
70.30	Scot Asian	335	-7		
6.93	Scot Wts	990	-55		
646.30	Scot Eastern†	102	-½	2.1	53.0
961.30	Scot Mtge	266½	-½	2.2	
150.30	Scot Natl Tst	94½	-½	10.6	11.9
57.80	Scot Value	115	-1	2.2	53.9
376.50	Second Alliance	1961	-14	3.0	40.7
297.10	Secs Tst of Scot	92½	+2¼	5.0	
28.10	Shires Smlr	145	-1	5.0	..
129.00	St Andrew Inv	375		3.0	40.5

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.80	Farringford	14½			
184.40	First Choice	77½		7.1	.
615.50	First Leisure	376	-9	2.6	21.9
37.00	Friendly Hotels	185		3.9	
7,072.30	Granada	834	+29	1.8	20.2
18.30	Hi-Tec Sports	36	+5	4.4	
16.10	Hornby©	192			
131.10	Havelock	551	+1	2.0	21.4
110.10	Jurys Hotel	259¼	-1½	3.1	16.5
72.10	Kunick	31	+¾	2.4	26.1
2,205.60	Ladbroke†	189	-4	4.0	30.6



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30.50	Jupiter Ex Inc	82		11.9	9.0
0.42	Jupiter Ex IncWt	7		.	
10.90	Jupiter Grd Cap	78	+1	12.5	10.0
9.97	Jupiter Grd Pfd	28½	.		
29.90	Jupiter Intl Grn	119	-1	3.9	
226.00	Klnwt Chrt	279	.	2.5	49.3
35.90	Klnwt E Mid	127	+1½		
43.50	Klnwt End	145	+2		.
456.30	Klnwt Euro Pvt	91¼	-1½	3.1	40.3
27.00	Klnwt Euro Wts	27			
24.90	Klnwt H Inc	83	+1	19.0	9.0
230.60	Klnwt O'seas	287½	-1	1.5	76.6
22.30	Klnwt Smlr†	169		2.4	50.0
147.20	Jurex-Euro	599¾	+¼	0.1	.

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
363.20	London Clubs	513	-25	3.4	18.3
210.50	Man Utd	340	-33	1.7	11.0
646.00	Mandarin Ornt	92	-1½	3.9	19.6
54.90	Northern†	114	+1	4.4	12.9
11.90	Prism Leisure	140		4.5	9.7
30.50	Queensborough▲	30			
85.00	Queens Moat	22	-3		
4,417.10	Rank Org	529	-4	3.7	17.0
29.50	Ryan Hotels (E)	45	+1	4.3	
386.10	Savoy Hotel 'A'†	1350	+7	1.3	54.3
45.80	Sinclair (Wm)	210	-5	4.6	13.5
522.90	Stakis	108	+1½	2.0	22.7
253.30	Stanley Leisure	470	-5	1.6	24.4
17.70	Tandero	13½	-1½	4.6	2.7

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
31.20	M&G Dual Inc	195		2.4	
57.40	M&G Inc Geared	57		11.6	
72.70	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	29½	-¼		
69.00	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	28	+¼	23.7	
177.80	M&G Inc Package	122		5.4	
165.10	M&G Inc Zero Div	67	+½		
29.00	M&G Rec Cap	21½	-½		
452.70	M&G Rec Geared	45½	-½	11.1	
32.70	M&G Rec Inc	24¼		20.9	
151.50	M&G Rec Pacge	135		3.8	
124.60	M&G Rec Zero Div	92¼	+1		
33.00	M Currie Euro	143	-1	0.3	
22.80	M Currie Japan	105	-3		
65.20	M Currie Pac	159	-3¼	0.7	
125.50	Majedie	239	-2	3.3	36.4
8.40	Martaion	41			
283.40	Merchants†	277	-4	5.5	
530.90	Mercury Euro Pv	98¼	-1½	1.8	67.7
33.90	Mercury Ent Wt	29½			
455.80	Mercury World	107	+2	1.2	
21.70	Mercury Wld Wts	25½	-½		
464.00	Monks Inv Tst	598	+2	1.9	55.4
57.70	Morg Gren Inc	163		3.8	27.6

MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
218.20	Abbott Mead▼	585	+6	1.9	
55.30	Adscene	256	-8	4.2	13.2
430.60	Aegis Gp	52			
4.47	Allied Radio	3½			
1.49	BBB Design©	18			
64.30	Barbour Index	378	+3	3.0	56.9
6.10	Bidadale	6¼			
5.28	Black (A&C)	340		5.3	12.9
306.30	Blenheim Gp	329	-8	4.1	15.5
28.90	Border TV	283	+5	1.9	23.4
62.80	Bristol	385		4.3	19.8
7,597.40	BSkyB	443	-11	1.4	40.7
73.30	CIA Gp	177	-4½	1.0	
25.70	Caledonian Med	17	-3		
492.80	Capital Radio	675	+8	2.0	
2,706.80	Carlton Comms	467½	+9½	2.5	16.8
129.50	Chrysalis	485	+5	0.7	
7.11	City of Lond	90		6.9	11.4
594.70	Cordiant	134	-1		
85.50	Daily Mail	1709¼		1.3	41.6
1,624.70	Daily Mail A	1628½	-12½	1.4	

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
102.90	Aberdeen Tst	118	+1	2.6	23.2
21.80	BWD	111	-3	5.6	13.4
2.27	Berry Bch Mbl	35		9.1	9.9
191.30	Bioasc Inv	322	+7		
41.40	Brewin Dolphin	189		4.6	13.3
867.20	Caledonia	800	+1	2.7	24.8
55.00	Camellia	2200	+200	2.1	20.3
369.60	Cattles†	270	+10	3.2	19.4
8.73	Chrcalle	37			
61.20	EFT Group	122	+2	2.2	14.5
272.70	EFM†	718	-5	4.4	17.6
130.60	Exco†	106	-2	10.6	12.8
503.80	Gartmore	250	+1	0.9	21.1

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	100†		13.23	5.93
1,200	Treas 2% 1996	218	-	0.92	5.89
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	102†	-	9.80	5.92
1,988	Treas 7% 1997	100	+	6.95	6.27
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	104	-	12.64	5.93
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	103	-	10.16	6.00
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	102		8.51	6.32
830	Exch 15% 1997	111		13.43	6.39
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	104	+	9.30	6.60
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	+	7.18	6.70
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	+	6.75	6.70
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	113	+	12.35	6.79
935	Treas 15½% 1998	118	+	13.07	6.86
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	111†	+	10.77	6.97
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	105	+	8.97	7.00
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	+	10.83	7.10
3,252	Treas 10½% 1999	109†	+	9.63	7.11
6,600	Treas 6% 1999	96	+	6.23	7.14
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	109	+	9.40	7.27
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	105	+	8.54	7.32
7,800	Treas 8% 2000	102	+	7.83	7.41
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	119	+	10.87	7.42
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	109	+	9.12	7.54
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
10,750	Treas 7% 2001	97	+	7.10	7.59
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	109	+	8.88	7.75
8,600	Treas 8% 2003	101	+	7.91	7.79
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	111	+	8.95	7.85
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115	+	9.99	7.68
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79	+	4.38	6.72
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	109	+	8.70	7.98
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	92	+	7.30	7.98
8,900	Treas 8½% 2005	103	+	8.23	7.99
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	109	+	8.69	8.01
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125†	+	9.99	7.99
9,000	Treas 7¾% 2006	96	+	7.79	8.03
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	97	+	7.93	8.06
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	+	8.04	8.06
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119	+1	9.84	7.94
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	102	+	8.27	8.11
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	131	+	10.26	8.00
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	106	+	8.44	8.13
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	98	+	8.13	8.17
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	83	+	7.50	8.23
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	106	+	8.45	8.23
5,360	Treas 9% 2012	106	+	8.44	8.25
7,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77	+	7.14	8.02
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	97	+	8.21	8.27
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	+	8.12	8.29
9,500	Treas 8% 2015	97	+	8.21	8.27
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	104	+	8.39	8.31
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	+	9.02	8.37
3,000	Treas 8% 2021	97	+	8.22	8.26
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	42	+	8.31	
475	Treas 2½%	30	+	8.33	
359	Consols 4%	46	+	8.54	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of.				10%	5%
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112	+	1.35	2.68
1,850	Treas IL 2½% 2001	178	+	3.14	3.64
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2003	177†	+	3.30	3.08
1,150	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114	+	3.16	3.70
1,950	Treas IL 2% 2006	181	+	3.45	3.71
2,200	Treas IL 2½% 2009	162†	+	3.54	3.76
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2011	168		3.58	3.78
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138		3.62	3.80
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2016	147		3.66	3.82
3,150	Treas IL 2½% 2020	140		3.69	3.84
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2024	116		3.60	3.84
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	115		3.61	3.82

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,668.20	Brit Biotech	2933	-15		.
72.70	Cantab Pharms	673	-10		
491.10	Celltech	653	-43		
349.70	Chiroscience	459	-30		
417.10	Cortecs	368	-26		
27,241.30	Glaxo Wellcome†	775	-25	4.8	15.7
730.40	Medeva	247	-3	2.0	14.6
74.60	Peptide Thera	220	-3		..
603.50	Scotia	792	+42		
114.50	Shire Pharms	188	-12		
56.60	SkyePharma	85	-6		
17,913.10	SmithKline	654	-8	2.8	18.0
13,040.20	Zeneca	1377	-17	2.6	22.2

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
27.40	AG Holdings	152	.	4.8	12.6
146.60	API	668	+33	1.9	24.4
33.50	App Holo	127	+3		
1,537.10	Arjo Wiggins†	197	+5	5.0	37.7
40.40	Aspen Comms	269	-6	2.9	15.3
166.50	Bemrose▼	392	+1	4.6	
122.40	Blagden†	169	-3	1.2	27.0

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
579.50	Lloyds Chem†	467	+3	2.8	
1,054.90	MFI	181	+3	2.9	
12,334.10	Marks Spencer	438	+12½	3.0	
329.90	Menzies (John)	587	-3	2.8	
14.50	Merchant Retail	17	-1	.	11.8
170.70	Moss Bros†	998	+5	2.3	22.7
2,044.20	Next	546	+9	2.7	23.5
12.90	Oliver (G)	51		...	
278.10	Oriflame Intl	520		2.7	
17.70	Partridge Fine	80		4.5	13.5
17.80	QS Hldgs	45		4.3	
40.50	Rhino Grp	15½	+1		
56.60	Rosebys†	238		2.9	
1,523.60	Sears	100	+2	5.1	
76.20	Signet Group	26	+¼		
1,359.60	Smith WH	484	-18	4.0	28.1
323.30	Sothebys	953	+3	2.2	
1,415.90	Storehouse	338	-5	2.4	20.8
51.20	Stylo	113		5.4	
158.20	T & S Stores†	221		4.0	13.1
83.60	Tie Rack	182	-1	2.2	14.2
6.04	Upton & South	3½			
3,955.80	Vendome	567	-13	2.2	28.6
27.60	WEW Group	19	+1	2.3	
475.00	Wickes	126	-4	2.1	
11.30	Wld of Leather†	93		2.2	
80.80	Wyevale	210	+1	3.2	

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,566.30	ADT	1128	+5		
202.80	Alpha Airport	121		5.2	
13.80	Alphameric	33		0.9	34.7
33.50	Auto Sec	28	-1		
2,211.10	BET Ord†	232½	+5½	2.3	22.3
35.70	BNB Resl	166	+5	4.8	9.8
95.00	BPP	380		3.9	18.4
50.20	BSM	180		4.8	12.8
272.10	BTG	1555	+100	0.3	..
291.10	Borland©	1025	-100	...	
4.16	Br Bloodstock©	99	-3	.	31.9
40.80	Brit Data Mgt	183		4.1	23.6
11.30	Brooks Service†	94		4.0	
188.50	Business Post	377	+1	2.4	26.2
351.10	CMG†	550	+10	1.8	27.7
110.70	CRT Grp	184	+16	2.8	23.2
2.26	Card Gp	228			
202.30	Capita Group	380		1.4	30.6
4.72	Cardinal Bus	16			
3.23	Chemex	8	-¼	2.3	14.3
1,023.90	Chubb Sec	364		2.6	19.3
300.80	Corp Services▼	143	+2	3.3	14.3
24.10	Coutts Cnsltg†	52		4.8	28.7
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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Fenner, Kunick.
Finals: Anglo Pacific Resources, Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust.
Economic statistics: Producer prices (April).

TOMORROW

Interims: Allied Domecq, BOC Group, Diploma, Gartmore European Investment Trust, General Accident (first quarter), Jupiter European Investment Trust, Scottish Value Trust, Sedgwick Group (first quarter), UPF Group.
Finals: British & American Investment Trust, Edinburgh Investment Trust, Invesco Blue Chip, Westbury, South African Breweries.
Economic statistics: New construction orders (March), Bank of England quarterly inflation report.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Century Inns, Charles Sidney, Chemex International, Commercial Union (first quarter), Fidelity Japan OTC, Flextech (first quarter), Greenalls Group, Richards, Shaftesbury, Telewest (first quarter).
Finals: Appleby Westward, Argyll Group, the Bank of Ireland.
Economic statistics: Unemployment (April), average earnings (March), unit wage costs (March).

THURSDAY

Interims: Alvis, British Gas (first quarter), Burton Group, Compass Group, Concentric, Grand Metropolitan, Hanson, Overseas Investment Trust, Scottish Radio Holdings.
Finals: British Telecom, City of Oxford Investment Trust, Cox Insurance Holdings, Fine Art Developments, Greenway Holdings, Greycoat, Time Products.
Economic statistics: Retail prices (April).

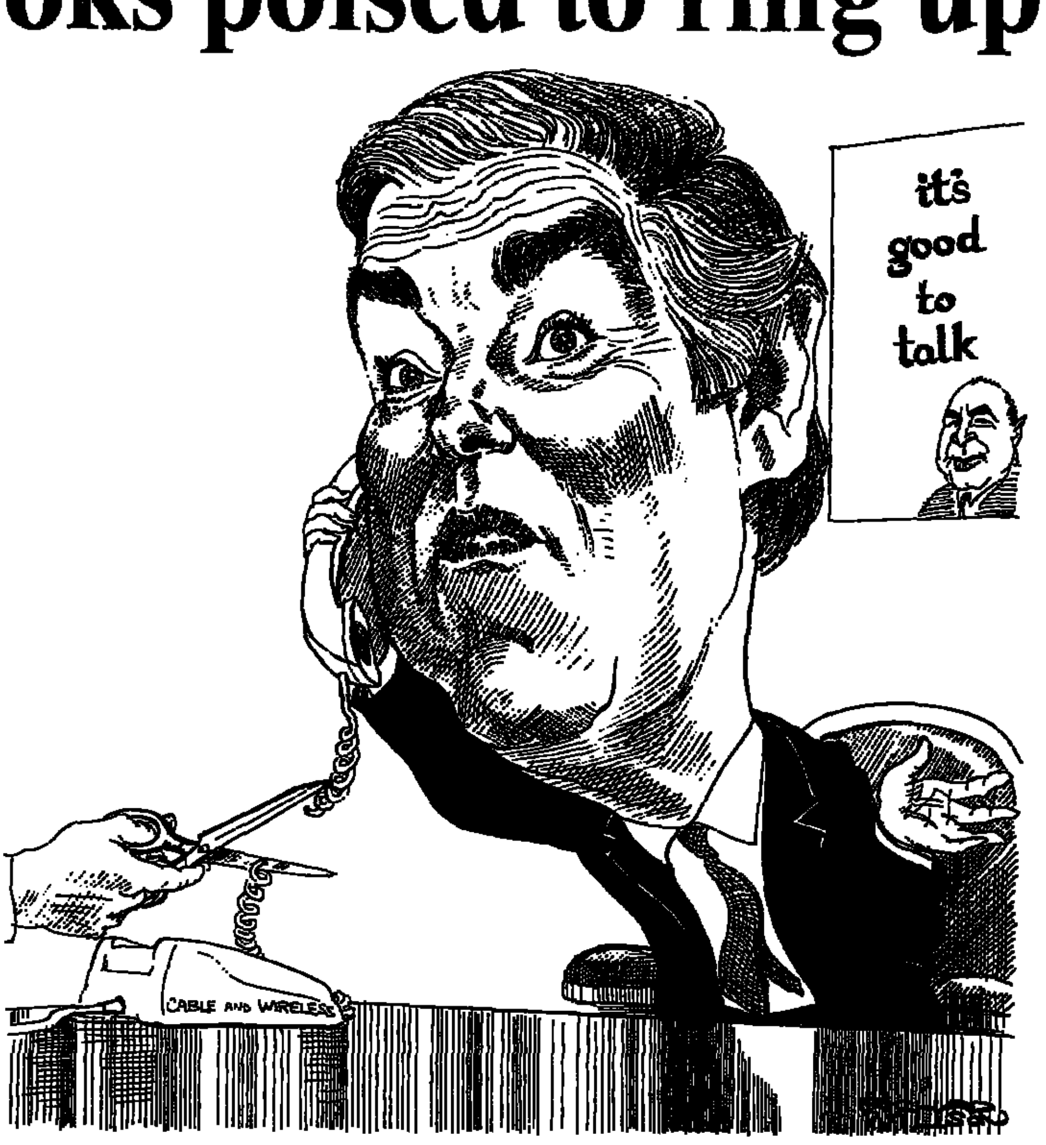
FRIDAY

Interims: Bibby (J) & Sons, General Cable, Morgan Grenfell Equity Income Trust.
Finals: Berry, Birch & Noble, Celsis International, Environmental Inv, First Ireland Investment, Foreign & Colonial German Investment Trust.
Economic statistics: PSBR (April).

COMPANIES

PHILIP PANGALOS

BT looks poised to ring up £3bn



Sir Iain Vallance, BT chairman, was unable to salvage the merger talks with Cable and Wireless

BRITISH TELECOM: Falling redundancy charges are expected to help the telecoms giant, which is headed by Sir Iain Vallance, to ring in a healthy performance that could see full-year profits *approach the £3 billion mark.*

BZW expects final pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, to climb to £2.96 billion (£2.66 billion), with a dividend of 18.7p (17.7p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £2.92 billion to £3.03 billion.

Analysts *expect BT, which recently saw the breakdown of a possible £35 billion merger with Cable and Wireless, to see little underlying growth, with the majority of any profits increase likely to be driven by a reducing redundancy charge. However, with Oftel, the industry regulator, staging roadshows across the UK to garner views on the level of *future price caps on telecom services, the forthcoming price control review is all-important. Any information on regulatory relationships and likely dividend implications will be crucial.

ARGYLL GROUP: *Healthy* sales growth and reorganisation benefits should allow Argyll, the Safeway supermarket group, to check in with another strong advance in full-year profits when it reports on Wednesday.

The benefits of the Safeway 2000 reorganisation should help Argyll to overcome the worst effects of the recent "trolley wars". Supermarket groups have battled for market share, slashing prices on items ranging from *petrol to bananas and baked* beans in a bid to win customers.

Nick Bubb, of Mees Pierson, is looking for pre-tax profits to rise to £405 million (£375 million). A dividend of 13p (12p) is predicted. Market forecasts range from *£400 million to £410 million.*

ALLIED DOMECQ: The drinks group will unveil a poor set of interims tomorrow, reflecting weakness in the European spirits market and destocking in the *United States. The company said* in February that first-half pre-tax profits were expected to be down by about 20 per cent after difficult trading in its spirits business.

Kleinwort Benson forecasts interim pre-tax profits of £326 million. Market forecasts range from £315 million to £340 million, against £403 million last time *before £17 million of exceptional* gains. The market range for the dividend is 9.6p to 12.25p.

GRAND METROPOLITAN: Low spirit prices are also thought to have held back profits at *GrandMet, whose other businesses* span Pillsbury to Burger King. GrandMet said in February that it was trading in line with expectations, with volumes up at its Pillsbury and Burger King businesses, while the IDV international drinks business was in line with forecasts. The figures will also be boosted by a full *contribution from Pet Inc, the US* foods group acquired last year for £72 million. Colin Davies, at Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, predicts a £450 million interim profit before tax and exceptionals, and a 5.9p dividend. *Market forecasts range from* £436 million to £466 million, against £442 million last time.

HANSON: The focus at Thursday's first-half results from the Anglo-American industrial conglomerate will be on demerger plans, which involve Hanson splitting itself into four com*panies. The market will also be* keen to hear what the group says about the integration of Eastern, the regional electricity group acquired last year for £2.5 billion.

Excluding Eastern, UBS, the broker, expects the downturn at *Quantum to fuel an acceleration* in the underlying rate of decline in Hanson's operating profits from 11 per cent in the first quarter to 14 per cent in the second quarter. Eastern is expected to chip in a £155 million profit contribution for the half year, while news is awaited on the status of generation deals.

UBS expects Hanson's interim pre-tax profits to dip 4 per cent to £610 million. A 3p quarterly dividend is anticipated. Market forecasts range from £574 million to £610 million.

BOC GROUP: The industrial gases to healthcare group is tomorrow expected to lift first-half profits, but analysts fear that roaring growth in American gases may be slowing. The group gave warning with its first-quarter results that growth was slowing, and analysts think that *the trend has continued. There is* also some concern that vacuum operations could be hit by signs of a downturn in the US semiconductor market.

Philip Morrish, at Nikko Europe, the Japanese securities house, predicts first-quarter pretax profits of £115 million, giving £216 million (£194.8 million) for the half year. Forecasts range *from £200 million to £220* million.

BRITISH GAS: A harsh winter and chilly spring are expected to boost Thursday's first-quarter figures from British Gas. The *cold snap will have lifted exploration* results and gas sales as well as income for TransCo, the pipeline operator, which today awaits a crucial regulatory review of its price regime. NatWest Securities is looking for first-quarter net *income to climb 9 per cent to £658* million (£605 million). Market forecasts range from £620 million to £670 million.

BURTON GROUP: A strong improvement in sales and gross *margins is expected to help the* clothing retailer — owner of Debenhams department stores, the Top Shop/Top Man chain and Principles womenswear shops — to unveil a strong advance in first-half profits. In*terim pre-tax profits, due on* Thursday, are expected to climb to £87.5 million (£67 million), according to Mees Pierson. Market forecasts range from £74 million to £91 million.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Key pointers to growth

A busy week for trackers of the British economy begins today with the publication of April figures for industrial costs and prices. Producer input prices are expected to have risen by 0.4 per cent in the month, depressing the annual rate of growth to 2.3 per cent from 2.8 per cent. The rate of output price inflation is expected, according to the consensus of market forecasts compiled by MMS International, to have dropped to 3 per cent from 3.4 per cent. Core output prices, excluding food, drink and tobacco, are seen dropping to 2.9 per cent year-on-year compared with 3.4 per cent in March.

Probably the key event this week comes tomorrow with publication of the Bank of England's latest inflation report. This is expected broadly to echo the February report, which said that the odds were on meeting the Government's inflation target, but which still urged caution on monetary *policy.*

On Wednesday, April unemployment figures are expected to show a fall of 10,000, while March average earnings annual growth is predicted to be unchanged at 3.5 per cent. On Thursday, April retail price figures are due. The market is expecting headline inflation to fall to 2.4 per cent from 2.7 per cent in March, but the underlying rate to remain unchanged at 2.9 per cent. RPIY, the measure which excludes mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes, is expected to edge lower to 2.5 per cent from 2.6 per cent. The last key British statistic of the week comes on Friday with the April public sector borrowing requirement. The MMS consensus is looking for a requirement of *£3.1 billion.*

Inflation is the key statistical theme around the world this week, with consumer prices data expected from America and France, among others. The markets will also be eagerly awaiting the figures on US retail sales tomorrow.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** Allied Domecq, DCC, Flare Group, Racal; **Hold** Westminster Health Care. *The Sunday Telegraph:* **Buy** Pearson, Kwik Save, Steel Burrill Jones, Greycoat, Oriel; **Avoid** Memory Corporation. *Independent on Sunday:* **Buy** Beazer Homes, Videologic, Premiere Group; **Avoid** Boots; **Sell** Vaux. *The Mail on Sunday:* **Buy** E D & F Man; **Hold** Chiroscience.

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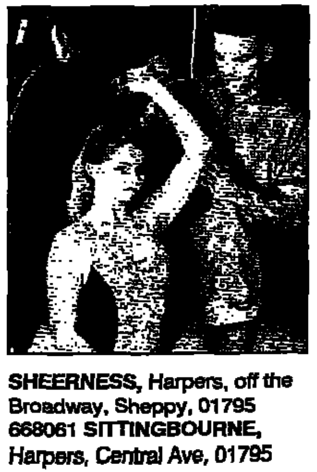

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Goldstar of Korea set to invest £1bn in Wales

By Iola Smith

LUCKY GOLDSTAR, the South Korean electronics company, is poised to announce a £1 billion investment in South Wales, creating 4,000 jobs.

Details of the project, which would rank among the largest-ever single inward investments in the UK, could be announced early this week.

LG has been looking for a site for a huge silicon chip manufacturing plant. After investigating sites in Scotland, the northeast of England, Ireland and at least three in Wales, the company is thought to have chosen Imperial Park in Newport.

The science park is a joint venture between Imperial College London and the Welsh Development Agency. The agency has enjoyed geat sucess in attracting Asian investment in Wales, particularly from Japan, and earlier this year secured its first Korean investment when Halla unveiled a £17 million investment that will create 300 new jobs producing mechanical diggers and forklift trucks in Merthyr Tydfil.

LG's move would confirm Newport as the new Silicon Valley. QPL International Holdings of Hong Kong, Europe's leading producer of silicon wafers, is already operating there. Since 1992 it has made four-inch and six-inch silicon chips within integrally printed circuits. Two months ago it announced a £230 million expansion programme, creating 768 new jobs. QPL will make an eight-inch silicon wafer with a much larger capacity.

Korean investment in Britain is set to increase after John Major's tour of the Far East in March. In South Korea, Mr Major spent several hours in bilateral talks with President Kim Young Sam before signing a number of important trade deals.

In a keynote address to the Federation of Korean Industry, Mr Major said there had been an enormous increase in economic ties between the two countries.

British exports to Korea in 1995 increased by 44 per cent and Korean exports to the UK increased 61 per cent. Two-way trade exceeded $5 billion for the first time.

In October last year the Queen opened the new Samsung electronics complex in northeast England. Daewoo has doubled the capacity of its VCR plant in Northern Ireland.

Ed Wallis wrote a sharp protest letter to Ian Lang

Pressure on Wallis over veto challenge

By Christine Buckley

POWERGEN, the generator whose bid for Midlands Electricity was vetoed by the Government, will decide in the next few days whether to mount a legal challenge.

But there may be doubt over whether it will go through with the action. Pressure on Ed Wallis, chief executive, to push for a judicial review will be intense following the company's aggressive reaction to the blocking of its bid for Midlands and that of National Power for Southern Electric.

Mr Wallis wrote a sharp protest letter to Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, while the company said that it might also halt the £450 million sale of power stations demanded by the industry's regulator.

However, there is some feeling in the City that Mr Wallis's blunt and forthright manner could be unsettling some investor confidence in PowerGen.

One analyst said that investors were keener to see a "plan B" from the generator rather than what may be perceived as antagonism with the Government.

PowerGen's board meets on Thursday, but a decision on a judicial review is likely before that. The company must also decide whether to sell its 21 per cent stake in Midlands Electricity to General Public Utilities and Cinergy, the two American groups that are now bidding for the regional company.

PowerGen stands to make a profit of £80 million on selling the holding.

The generator delivers its full-year results next week when it will be expected to outline further details of its action in the wake of its failed *bid for Midlands.*

Mr Wallis becomes chairman in July. Deryk King from ICI will take over the day-to-day running of the company.

Concern at smartcard privacy

By Alasdair Murray

PERSONAL information about each member of the population is stored on average on 200 business and government databases, according to a report into electronic smartcards published by Demos, the think-tank.

At present, there are 200,000 databases in the UK, with the number set to grow as smartcards, which are used in applications as diverse as phonecards and supermarket loyalty cards, spreads. Smartcards can *help to cut costs and improve* efficiency, but they are also increasingly providing businesses and the Government with detailed personal information. Demos says that smartcard providers must act quickly to address public fears over the security and privacy of the cards.

The worldwide market in smartcard technology is forecast to grow at an annual rate of 41 per cent and will be worth £1.3 billion by the year *2000. About 4,000 different* smartcard schemes will be in operation worldwide by the end of the century.

Surveys have found around 80 per cent of the population is seriously worried about how the information collected by smartcards is being used. Fears of misuse are centred on organisations perceived as holding the greatest amount of private information, with people least inclined to provide personal details to banks, *utilities, financial services* companies and the Government.

Demos argues that businesses have to date tended to dismiss the public's fears as an over-reaction.

It recommends changing data protection legislation to require data holders to seek the express permission of customers to hold personal data and providing data subjects with a right to erase irrelevant and excessive material.

GILT-EDGED

Why bulls' suffering will come to an end

It's been a tough year for bulls in the UK, and not just the bovine variety. While bulls in the gilt market have, fortunately, not faced slaughter, they have suffered as gilt prices have slumped. Other European markets have either fallen less or succeeded in rising. However, while gilts may not yet have seen the worst, they could begin to recover lost ground later this year.

A popular explanation for the underperformance of gilts relative to other European markets is the plunge in the US Treasury market. Thus the widening in the yield spread between gilts and German bunds from 155 basis points (bp) to 180bp since the start of the year is seen as a reflection of the widening in the US Treasury-bund spread from -26 to +45bp.

Look to 1994 for a precedent for this. A similar sell-off in the Treasury market saw gilts underperform bunds, partly as the markets reasoned that the UK economy was closer to the US economic cycle than was Germany's.

However, this "transatlantic" view of gilts does not provide the full story of 1996. Gilts have failed to share in the sharp rally in the higher-yielding peripheral European markets, such as Italy, Spain and Sweden. This is in contrast to 1994, when these markets actually fared even worse than gilts.

The second part of the 1996 story is that gilts have failed to benefit from the German mark's weakness and *growing confidence in the progress* towards European monetary union. The UK Government's opt-out on EMU has lumbered the gilt market with an opt-out on European bond *yield convergence.*

But even this does not complete the story. The gilt market probably would have lagged behind even if the Government was a fully paid-up member of the EMU fan *club. Domestic news, on inflation,* on the budget and on the political front has simply failed to measure up to the news elsewhere.

Thus while inflation across *Europe has been falling,* the UK figures have been disappointing. Similarly, there has been speculation that UK public borrowing will overshoot its targets. The sight of the Government *lurching* from one crisis to another has fuelled uncertainty about the fiscal outlook both pre-election and post-election.

By contrast, the markets have grown *more convinced* that politicians elsewhere in Europe are determined to reduce budget deficits. New governments in Italy and Spain have been particularly keen to demonstrate their willingness to drive towards the EMU entry criteria.

> **Weakness in the gilt market in the next few weeks should be regarded as a chance to buy**

However, the factors which have caused the gilt market's underperformance may go into reverse later this year.

US Treasury bond yields may be close to a peak. The market has moved quickly to price in stronger economic growth and higher official interest rates. Yet it is far from a foregone conclusion that the Federal Reserve will oblige. Ironically, the rise in long-term rates will in itself help to *dampen economic growth.*

Meanwhile, there are signs that the mark, like the German economy, will soon bottom out. Bundesbank officials have publicly subscribed to this view, and with good reason. The economy has yet to feel the full benefit of lower interest rates and a weaker currency. The fall in the trade-weighted value of the mark that has occurred this year alone, of around 2½ per cent, will provide a stimulus roughly equivalent to a further 1 per cent off interest rates.

Comparisons between the UK and other European *markets may become less* unflattering in the autumn as pledges of fiscal austerity across Europe are put to the test. Achieving agreement on further budget cuts at a time *of still-lacklustre growth* will not be easy.

Although there may be a few disappointments to come still on the inflation front (including this week's retail prices *release), the domestic* UK news may be turning the corner. The collapse in producer price inflation promises better inflation news, and lower interest rates towards the year-end. *Although the fiscal* outlook may not improve much, the gilt market will not be surprised by a modest upward revision to the Government's deficit projections.

Meanwhile, the political background can hardly get much worse. The Conservatives' opinion poll rating appears to have troughed, albeit at very low levels. This could be significant not just for its own sake, but also because it may encourage new Labour to sound, and become, more like a new Conservative Party.

Investors should thus view any further weakness in the gilt market in the next few weeks as a buying opportunity. Gilt market bulls may be feeling less sheepish by the *year-end.*

Mark Cliffe
HSBC Markets

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

AIM list at 146 and still growing

THE Alternative Investment Market enjoyed another busy week as the latest batch of new companies took the number traded on AIM to 146, compared with just ten listed when the market started on June 19 last year.

Capitalisation stands at £3.06 billion, while £278 million has been raised since the market began. Among those due to join AIM this month are Just Group, the cartoon characters company where a placing at 3p a share is expected to see a small premium of about 1p.

There is talk of strong support for a placing by Teather and Greenwood *later this month for Mulberry,* the leather goods company, and there has been interest in Thomas Potts, the printing company associated with Nigel Wray, the entrepreneur who has a record of finding ventures with potential. A placing at 100p, accompanied with a 19-for-one bonus issue, effectively gives a placing price of 5p a share. Dealers report considerable *interest and predict a substantial* premium of about 3p over the 5p placing price.

Others due to join include Whitecross Group, the London chain of dental practices; Carisbrooke Shipping, the Isle of Wight owner and manager of 14 ships; Fieldens, the UK's largest supplier of farm tyres and wheels; and Tescom Software Systems Testing, an *Israeli group providing testing* solutions for software development projects.

Philip Pangalos

1996 High	1996 Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/−	Yld %	P/E
134	109	18.10	AMCO Corp	127	...	4.9	17.8
58	18	2.37	Abacus Recruit	43	...	...	...
138	120	22.10	Active Imaging	121	+ 1	...	.
150	123	22.10	A de Gruchy	150	+ 10	5.1	...
20	7¼	19.50	African Gold	19	+ 2	...	...
14	13	5.20	Albemarale & Bd	14	...	...	...
24	17	9.97	Alpha Omikron	19	+ 1	...	...
415	380	38.80	Ann St Brewery	405	+ 15	5.4	12.2
915	885	5.42	Ann St Cv Pf	915	+ 20	8.7	...
121	83	67.50	Antonov	95	+ 2	...	...
9	8	1.89	Arion Props	8	...	...	...
120	68	19.30	Ask Central	120	+ 32	...	...
61	58	1.08	Athelney Trust	60	...	..	...
6½	5½	7.08	Ballynatray	5½	− ¼	...	...
20	17	4.62	Baris Hldgs	18	− 2	...	...
46	43	3.85	Belcanto	43	...	...	.
150	140	0.99	Bowness Leis	145	...	3.9	...
70	70		Bown Leis Cv Pf	70	...	...	...
66	50	11.20	Brancote Hdgs	65	− 1	...	...
365	240	43.10	Brockbank	365	+ 10	2.5	...
124	118	3.70	CA Coutts Hldgs	120	..	.	...
120	116	0.96	CCI Hldgs	120	...	...	...
110	110	0.13	CCI Founder Shs	110	...	..	..
185	95	4.92	Cafe Inns	172	− 6	1.5	14.1
75	55	7.39	Caledonian Tst	65	...	...	7.9
2¼	2	2.07	Capital & Wstn	2¼	...	...	...
96	68	12.60	Cardcast	78	...	0.8	17.0
83	58	14.20	Card Clear	63	− 5	...	...
72	60	3.39	Cassidy Bros	62	...	6.0	8.8
43	41	1.79	Cavendish W F	41	...	...	20.8
18	16	5.28	Celebrated Group	18	...	...	...
£175	6550	40.30	Celtic	£155	−1000	...	...
£175	6450		Celtic Pf Shs	£135	−1000	...	...
124	109	16.40	Cf Comms(TV)	122	...	2.5	15.7
86	62	6.93	Chartwell Intl	65	− 1	...	..
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	...	...	...
31	28	12.70	ClubPartners	30	− 1	...	..
510	510	12.20	Com de Prt Fin	510	...	..	...
44	37	9.20	Conister Tst	42	+ 2	4.8	10.5
86	58	14.80	Country Gdns	80	− 3	2.2	...
83	70	3.04	Cntry Gdns Pf	83	+ 5	8.0	..
109	87	31.30	Creos Intl	87	...	...	..
63	53	22.00	Crown Products	58	...	..	...
210	152	13.70	DBS Management	203	+ 1	3.7	8.2
36	34		Dalkeith Inns	35	.	...	...
70	63	3.79	David Glass	70	...	5.1	10.0
1275	860	57.20	Dawson Hdgs	1250	...	3.0	33.6
14	11	3.79	Dean Corp	13	− 1	1.9	..
375	305	34.40	Dicom	335	− 15	...	77.3
76	60	11.80	Dmatek	63	− 5	...	...
137	90	12.80	Easynet	90	..	...	...
200	100	71.10	Electrophoretics	110	+ 2	..	.
125	120	5.40	Euro Sales Fn	120	...	..	...
345	325		Farlake	345	...	...	...
260	75	5.89	Finl Publs	250	+ 5	..	...
188	53	10.80	Firecrest	65	+ 3	...	...
183	176	35.70	First Infor	176	− 2	.	.
220	188	5.63	Flomerics	220	+ 5	1.5	..
343	253	7.86	Floral St	338	..	0.4	15.4
193	136	19.00	Formscan	180	+ 12	1.4	23.4
26	14	89.80	Freepages	24½	− ½	...	..
120	93	6.00	Furlong Homes	120	+ 5	2.6	.
9¾	8¼	25.40	Gander Hdgs	8¾	+ ¼	..	.
22	15	5.40	Greenhills	18	..	.	..
147	145	32.40	Guiton	145	...	3.4	...
41	23	2.34	Hansom	23	...	..	...
133	120	59.00	Hiscox Ded Ins	130	...	2.4	..
80	70	0.82	Hurlingham	70	...	...	.
122	105	12.20	Indpt Radio	122	...	...	..
88	85	14.70	Inner Workings	88	...	...	...
523	503	21.50	Intl Greetings	513	...	1.2	...
143	108	31.30	IOC Intl	128	...	..	.
103	83	3.59	Jasmin	88	− 3	..	13.2
317	280	23.40	Jennings Bros	317	+ 2	2.5	22.8
125	103	43.50	KS Biomedix	115	+ 8	...	...
160	155	53.60	La Senza	160	...	...	.
180	137	27.10	Lancashire En	150	− 15	3.3	12.1
252	210	15.30	Lawrence	252	+ 2	0.7	..
2750	2550	49.80	Lawrie Group	2550	...	3.5	13.0
285	255	44.80	Le Riches Strs	270	...	7.1	26.4
95	85		London Asia Pc	85	...	...	...
6¾	2	65.30	Lon Fiduciary	6¾	+ 2	...	...
70	55	1.45	London Town	58	...	...	...
265	200	15.10	Lorien Grp	265	+ 20	1.8	...
25	16	10.00	Manx & O'seas	17	...	2.4	23.0
135	113	14.50	Marine & Merc S	120	− 3	...	...
117	92	46.10	Megalomedia	107	+ 3	...	...
99	79		Megalomedia Wts	89	...	...	...
111	86	6.71	Meltek	106	+ 1	2.9	...
475	122	74.00	Memory Corp	125	− 55	...	...
22	20	6.04	Metrodome Films	21	+ 1	...	...
235	156	17.80	Moorepay	235	+ 5	2.3	24.1
200	67½	9.84	Mountcashel	130	− 70	...	...
89	67	24.50	MultiMedia	85	+ 1	...	...
340	285	21.80	NWF Grp	290	...	2.8	14.0
210	175	14.10	Nash (Wm)	200	+ 4¼	4.2	...
355	335	8.98	Naill Clark	355	...	2.1	17.2
385	200	10.60	Neilson Cobbold	385	+ 20	1.8	19.1
73	65		Norcity II	73	..	...	...
73	63		Norhomes	65	...	..	...
76	65	7.45	Nthn Petlm	65	...	...	...
8	8	0.13	Nthn Petlm Wrts	8	...	...	...
70	53		Nthmb Res Prps	60	...	...	...
116	111	17.90	Nursing Home	116	+ 1	1.3	33.4
124	90	14.70	Old English Pub	120	− 4	1.0	...
136	84	8.39	Omnicare	136	+ 1	0.5	...
68	51	14.30	Omnimedia	58	+ 2	...	...
98	66	22.00	Optical Care	95	− 3	...	...
1¾	1	13.30	Pacific Media	1¼	...	...	...
98	43		Pacific Med Pf	98	+ 13	...	...
109	17¼	37.50	Pan Andean Res	91	− 5	...	...
195	180	4.54	Park Ests(Liv)	190	...	3.4	...
445	365	97.10	Pet City	400	− 3	...	...
169	125	28.40	Polymasc Pharms	142	− 2	...	...
515	400	6.64	Preston Nth E	515	+ 45	...	...
105	103	16.50	Primary Hlth Pr	103	...	...	...
49	32	4.41	Raphael Zm	49	+ 11	3.2	30.7
48	43	33.10	Reflec	48	...	...	...
105	95	1.02	Revelation Plc	95	...	...	...
17	16	10.60	Riceman Insce	16	...	...	...
76	63	3.93	Romtec	76	...	...	...
4½	3½	3.60	Rushmere Wynne	4	...	...	...
1¾	0¾	0.14	Rush Wyn Wrts	1½	− ¼	...	...
126	31	3.19	SCS Satellite	31	− 2	...	...
31	20	2.16	Scotswood Inds	31	.	4.0	29.3
43	28		Scott Pride	33	...	...	...
320	270	14.60	Scruttons	305	+ 2	5.3	...
60	30	2.22	Self Sealing	38	− 3	...	...
3	2		Silkbarn	2	...	...	...
4¼	3½	8.12	Sira Bus Serv	4¼	+ ¼	...	...
1½	1½	0.29	Sira Bus Wrts	1½	...	...	...
595	524	138.40	Southern News	587	+ 5	3.4	15.4
68	50		Southern Vectis	68	+ 2	...	...
615	255	94.30	Stanford Rook	513	− 15	...	...
95	75	6.41	Stentor	91	+ 5	...	...
215	122	21.70	Surrey Fr Inns	215	+ 5	1.2	25.3
136	116	16.50	Syst Integ Rsch	123	...	...	...
915	585	36.30	TRACKER Netwk	685	+ 25	...	...
185	180	39.80	Tradepoint Fcl	185	...	...	...
55	38	4.34	Tele Cred Eur	43	..	...	...
43	25		Tele Cred Wrts	31	...	..	...
116	101	17.80	Toad	106	...	...	...
56	43	2.99	Tom Hoskins	53	...	...	...
180	175		Trinity Care	175	− 5	1.1	...
170	165		Trinity Care Pf	170	...	...	...
74	46	328.00	Trocadero	66	− 2	...	...
42	40	3.83	Univent	42	...	...	...
458	393	7.00	Utd Auctions	393	...	1.3	...
201¼	147¼	14.90	VDC	185	...	3.2	13.4
16¾	13½	44.30	Versailles Grp	16¾	...	...	27.3
355	130	10.70	Viewinn	355	+ 55	...	...
428	232		Voss	373	...	...	...
13	7		Wedderburn Secs	10	+ 1½	...	...
5	3		Wedd Secs Wrnts	4	...	...	...
19	13	5.25	Western Selectn	15	...	...	59.7
6	5	0.31	Western Sel Wrt	5	...	...	...
31	26	3.07	Westmount Engy	30	...	...	...
75	46	5.09	W'chester M Md	46	− 2	...	...
145	125		Wynnstay Props	125	...	...	...
300	170	25.80	Zergo	280	...	...	...

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Financial advisers swamped by calls on long-term care

Greengross: options set out

By Marianne Curphey

MIDDLE-CLASS families are being asked to pay twice for nursing care in old age, independent financial advisers (IFAs) claim.

After the Government published its consultation document on long-term care last week, the offices of IFAs and the headquarters of Help the Aged, the charity, were inundated with calls from anxious pensioners.

Elderly people have been inquiring about transferring ownership of their homes and protesting that they could not possibly pay the insurance premiums suggested. Staff have been advising callers, many of whom believe the proposals have been made law, not to make any hasty decisions until the consultation process becomes legislation in 1997.

The proposals from the Department of Health suggested people should should take out costly insurance polices that would pay out if they needed to enter a nursing home. But millions of elderly people have already paid around 10 per cent of their salary in National Insurance contributions throughout their lives.

According to Nic Round, a leading Shropshire-based IFA, no government incentives to pay for long-term care will be successful unless savings and insurance scheme are made compulsory, since current schemes penalise thrifty pensioners and there are legal ways of avoiding making contributions towards care.

"It is possible to avoid paying for your nursing care in old age," he said. "You can use trusts to hold shares, savings and investments in the name of a child or relative and transfer assets across to other family members, all quite legally. You can either pay for your own care, or avoid it through astute financial moves. If enough people avoid paying for their care, the Government will be forced to look at alternatives, including making families care for their own elderly relatives."

The Department of Health proposes two major initiatives in its White Paper: one would mean people took a smaller pension at retirement in order to claim larger payments when nursing care was needed.

The other is based on US-style partnership schemes where in return for taking out insurance policies the assets belonging to retired people are disregarded during means testing.

At present, people with only £10,000 in assets have to make a contribution and those with £16,000 must pay the full bill, usually between £12,000 and £21,500. Only when their savings and capital have been whittled down to the limit will the State pay the costs.

Mr Round said that retired couples could transfer ownership of their home to their children to avoid having to sell it should they need to go into a nursing home. "The State pays just under £300 a week if you need care and cannot afford to pay for it yourself and that is enough to pay for a nursing home with a decent standard of care and decoration," he said.

Age Concern, of which Lady Greengross is Director-General, has published a paper on the options for elderly people trying to protect their assets. It acknowledges that many older people are angry because they feel they are being "cheated" out of free residential care after a lifetime of paying taxes and feel justified in expecting the State to pick up the bill.

Non-executive fees rise along with extra responsibility

By Martin Barrow

FEES paid to non-executive directors are rising sharply. A new report shows that Britain's largest companies are paying directors up to 27 per cent more than one year ago, while non-executive chairmen have seen their pay rise by 10 per cent.

The pay increases reflect a growing workload and additional responsibilities arising from the Cadbury and Greenbury reports on corporate governance, according to the Top Pay Research Group.

The group's 1996 survey of independent chairman and non-executive directors indicates that they believe their higher salaries are justified by the additional workload resulting from their increased involvement in audit and remuneration committees.

The poll of directors holding 480 appointments, including three members of the Greenbury committee, also suggests that non-executives believe the degree of control they can exercise over a company's affairs is increasing. There has also been a significant increase in the use of headhunters to assist in the appointment of non-executive directors.

The survey shows that the largest companies — those with a turnover of more than £1 billion — now pay non-executive directors an average of £37,000 each per year, compared with £29,000 a year ago.

Non-executive chairmen are paid an average of £110,000, rising from £100,000 previously. The average daily rate paid to part-time chairmen, based on the number of days devoted to a company's affairs and the annual fee, ranges between £620 and £756. On this basis, the highest paid chairman who responded to the survey earned £2,875 per day, the lowest £150.

There has been a dramatic increase in the percentage of non-executive directors who feel they have enough power to exert influence on a company. A total of 88 per cent believed they could take action aainst an underperforming director, compared with 75 per cent a year ago, while 88 per cent felt they could control executive directors' compensation, compared with 75 per cent.

Top Pay Research Group said it wished to see changes made to recommendations in the Cadbury and Greenbury reports so that part-time chairmen can be partially remunerated through enhanced shareholder value bonuses instead of escalating fixed fees.

Late payment less severe for firms

By Our City Staff

LATE payment is still a problem for almost half of small and medium businesses, although its effect is less severe than two years ago, a report shows today.

The survey by the Confederation of British Industry and Coopers & Lybrand, the accountancy firm, revealed that while credit control procedures have been improved, late payment remains a problem for 45 per cent of small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

The average number of days taken to be paid has increased marginally from 52.8 days in 1994 to 53.2 in 1996. However, fewer businesses said they saw late payment as a threat to their existence. The vast majority of firms now set payment terms of 30 days and the survey said there was a distinct trend towards shortening payment periods.

Tony Bonner, SME Council chairman, said: "Our survey shows that late payment of commercial debt continues to remain a problem for many SMEs although there have been some encouraging developments on credit control procedures."

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Crispin Reed, right, with Jos Coad, finance director, are steering Asquith towards a placing expected to raise £750,000

Asquith on way to Ofex market

By Philip Pangalos

ASQUITH Motor Carriage Company, which is best known for its replicas of vintage taxis and prewar-style delivery vans for shops such as Austin Reed and Daks Simpson, is tomorrow joining the Ofex market, the trading facility for shares in unquoted companies.

The company is issuing shares to the public through an offer for subscription on Ofex, with the flotation expected to raise £750,000 before expenses, capitalising Asquith at about £1.95 million.

Crispin Reed, Asquith's managing director, said the proceeds will be used to provide working capital and to fund the development and marketing of a modern design "black cab", which will be launched at the International Motor Show at the NEC, Birmingham, in October.

The new range of taxis will be made in Sri Lanka by Dimo International from next year and will effectively challenge the more traditional London taxis made by Manganese Bronze.

The company, which has 12 vintage-style taxis, 12 limousines and about 500 commercial vehicles, recorded losses last year, but hopes to break even by the end of this year.

Regulators face lawsuit threat

By Caroline Merrell

THE solicitor acting for investors in Knight Williams, the failed investment firm, is considering suing the regulating authorities for negligence (Caroline Merrell writes).

The Securities and Investment Board and the Personal Investment Authority, the two regulators at the centre of the row over Knight Williams, have immunity from legal action, unless it can be proved that they acted in bad faith.

Dibb Lupton and Broomhead is acting on behalf of 400 investors with the failed firm, who are part of the Knight Williams Investor Action Group (KWIAG). The mainly elderly investors have been claiming compensation from Knight Williams for mis-sold and poorly performing investments.

Knight Williams went into liquidation in the middle of last year, but no investor has yet been paid compensation.

Kenneth Jordan, KWIAG head, said: "We are looking to sue the regulators for negligence. The liquidator was passed 400 files last August, but no investors have yet been paid. Many have had their hopes raised, only to have them dashed."

Surge in imports hits UK

A surge in imports from "super-competitive" regions, including the Far East and America, is denting the growth in Britain's economy, a report by the Chartered Institute of Marketing says today.

Imports from newly industrialised economies are up 33 per cent in the past three months, compared with the same period last year, while imports from North America are up 23 per cent, the report says.

Professor Douglas McWilliams, economic adviser, said that the surge in Far East imports had been one of the main causes of the virtual standstill in the growth of the UK's manufacturing production. An increasing amount of electronics goods sold in the UK are produced in the Far East.

Deposits rise

Jersey banks saw a 2.3 per cent increase in deposits in the first quarter of the year to £90 billion. The main growth area was in foreign currency deposits, up 2.9 per cent, or £1.9 billion, on the last quarter to £63.5 billion, according to the States of Jersey Financial Services Department. In both the sterling and non-sterling categories, European depositors, excluding the UK, increased during the quarter to account for £41 billion, or 45 per cent, of total deposits.

Bearish view

The latest monthly survey of UK fund managers by Gallup for Merrill Lynch, involving 71 institutions handling funds totalling £798 billion, found UK fund managers more pessimistic about the prospects for US equities, with bears outnumbering bulls by a balance of 41 per cent on a year's view and 47 per cent on a three- month view. They are also bearish about UK equities and gilts over the next year.

Hanson signal

Lord Hanson, chairman of Hanson, the Anglo-American tobacco to energy conglomerate, and Derek Bonham, chief executive, are expected this week to give further details of its £10 billion demerger plans. Hanson intends to split itself into four companies.

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Quote for European Telecom

EUROPEAN TELECOM, an international distributor of cellular telephones and accessories, is to seek a share listing in London by way of a placing. The company is expected to be valued at about £35 million (Martin Barrow writes).

European Telecom, has about 1,400 customers in more than 40 countries. It supplies products from leading manufacturers, including Nokia, Ericsson and Motorola, to network operators, service providers, wholesalers, retailers and dealers. About 71 per cent of sales were exported in the last financial year.

The company was founded in 1990 by Warren Hardy, the chief executive. Sales have risen from £170,000 in 1991 to £78.5 million last year. Over the same period pre-tax profits have risen from £6,000 to £2.44 million.

Dealings are expected to begin early next month. The issue is sponsored by Singer & Friedlander.

California authorities defer Lloyd's litigation

By Our Business Staff

LLOYD'S of London, which faces legal battles on a number of fronts in America, has secured a truce with authorities in California.

The California Department of Insurance (CDI) and the state Department of Corporations (DOC) have agreed to defer litigation and attempt to resolve disputes involving the DOC, Lloyd's and Lloyd's names.

As a result of the agreement, the two US agencies will attempt to negotiate a standstill among all parties to the DOC/Lloyd's action.

The agreement is further good news for David Rowland, the Lloyd's chairman, who has visited America on a number of occasions seeking support for the Lloyd's settlement, the success of which is vital for the survival of the market. On Friday, there was a guarded welcome in London for a £1.2 billion package of sweeteners for names.

The standstill agreement in California would preclude new litigation until June 15 to allow the parties to agree on a process for resolving the case outside the courts.

Lloyd's would be allowed to communicate with names in California, where it seeks to garner support for Equitas, the company established by Lloyd's to reinsure its 1992 and prior liabilities. The standstill would also preclude Lloyd's from drawing down on letters of credit, which are used as collateral by names, unless it is necessary to pay claims after a catastrophic loss.

Rowland: welcome news

Peter Lane, managing director of Lloyd's North America, said: "We are pleased that the two departments in California have reached this agreement. It allows time for all the parties to work out their differences without resorting to further litigation.

"We welcome this news on behalf of our California members who have been deprived of vital information about the progress of our Reconstruction and Renewal Plan."

The DOC's desist and refrain orders had prevented Lloyd's from communicating with California members, and Lloyd's believes names there were subject to "considerable misinformation".

WORD-WATCHING

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HOOKER'S GREEN

(b) A bright green colour used in water-colour painting. An eponym of William Hooker (1779-1832), botanical artist, inventor of Hooker's Green. "This method of imitating the mixture of ultramarine with yellow has grown into a system, but the colour is not durable: as in the cases of Hooker's Green and Varley's Green."

MAKORE

(c) Also makora, makori. A large West African tree, Tieghemella (or Mimusops) heckelii, of the family Sapotaceae: also the dark red-brown wood produced by it. The native name in West Africa. "Skirting and dado in specially cut logs of makoré with small marquetry banding in the makoré doors of maple burr."

MAKO

(c) In full, mako shark. A large blue shark of the genus Isurus, especially Isurus oxyrinchus. The Maori name. Ernest Hemingway, The Old Man and The Sea, 1952: "He was a very big mako shark built to swim as fast as the fastest fish in the sea."

MAKKOLI

A popular alcoholic beverage in Korea. The Korean name transliterated. "Domestic production of wheat is one-quarter the volume of imports and is used mainly for noodles and makkoli, the common alcoholic beverage."

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.00	1.84
Austria Sch	17.30	15.80
Belgium Fr	50.60	46.30
Canada $	2.190	2.030
Cyprus Cyp£	0.760	0.705
Denmark Kr	9.56	8.76
Finland Mkk	7.77	7.12
France Fr	8.26	7.61
Germany Dm	2.47	2.26
Greece Dr	387.00	362.00
Hong Kong $	12.44	11.44
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.3200	4.6700
Italy Lira	2486.00	2331.00
Japan Yen	174.00	158.00
Malta	0.598	0.543
Netherlds Gld	2.740	2.510
New Zealand $	2.36	2.14
Norway Kr	10.56	9.76
Portugal Esc	250.00	231.50
S Africa Rd	7.29	6.49
Spain Pta	201.00	188.00
Sweden Kr	10.98	10.18
Switzerland Fr	2.02	1.84
Turkey Lira	120987	112987
USA $	1.622	1.492

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5214 (+0.0186)
German mark
2.3224 (+0.0272)
Exchange index
84.7 (+1.0)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2812.6 (+9.1)
FT-SE 100
3754.4 (+2.8)
New York Dow Jones
5518.14 (+40.11)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
21420.12 (-242.26)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC GROUND COMPANY, LIMITED ("the company")

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at Gloucester Rugby Football Club, Kingsholm, Gloucester on the 15th day of May 1996 at 3 pm for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing resolutions numbered 1, 2 and 3 below as special resolutions and the remaining business as ordinary resolutions.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

1. THAT the name of the Company be and is hereby changed to 'Gloucester Rugby Football Club Limited'.

2. THAT the objects set forth in paragraph 3 of the document produced to this meeting and for the purpose of identification signed by the Chairman hereof be approved and adopted as the objects of the Company, in substitution for, and to the exclusion, of all the existing objects thereof and the Memorandum of Association be altered accordingly.

3. THAT the regulations set forth in the printed document produced to this meeting and for the purpose of identification signed by the Chairman hereof, be approved and adopted as the existing Articles of Association of the Company, in substitution for, and to the exclusion of all existing articles thereof.

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

4. THAT all appointments and acts of directors of the Company prior to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed and ratified notwithstanding any defects in any such appointments or acts that might otherwise cause their validity to be in doubt.

6. THAT the Directors of the Company be and are hereby confirmed as David Fayle, Doug Wadley, John Milner, Tim Curtis, Mike Warner and John Hall.

6. THAT the directors of the Company be and they are hereby authorised to enter into contracts on behalf of the Company with rugby football players whose services will be made available to The Gloucester Rugby Football Club or such other organisation, association or company as is responsible for the time being for the playing of rugby union football in Gloucester in succession to The Gloucester Rugby Football Club.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
A D WADLEY
Dated - 10th May 1996
Registered Office - Gloucester Rugby Football Club, Kingsholm, Gloucester GL1 3AX

Note:

1. A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and on a poll vote instead of him. A proxy need not also be a member of the Company.

2. To be effective the instrument appointing a proxy and any power of attorney or other authority under which it is executed (or a duly certified copy of any such power or authority) must be deposited at the Company's registered office not less than Twenty four hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Westgrove Project Management Limited

Registered Number: 02617715. Trading Name: Westgrove Project Management Limited. Nature of Business: Construction and other related activities. Trade classification: 23. Date of Appointment of joint administrative receivers: 25 April 1996. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Names of joint administrative receivers: Roger Marsh, Ian Clifford Powell. Office Holder Numbers: 5925, 7852. Addresses: Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN. Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS.

LEGAL NOTICES

MODERN LEISURE INVESTMENTS LIMITED
SEAWICK HOLIDAY LIDO LIMITED
SEAWICK INVESTMENTS LIMITED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

A meeting of creditors of the above companies is to be held at Seawick Holiday Centre, St Osyth Beach, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex CO16 8SG on 20 May 1996 at 11.00am, under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and, if the creditors wish to do so, appoint a creditors' committee.

Creditors who have not received notice of the meeting and wish to attend should contact the Receivers' Office (telephone number 0171-939 3000) and ask for Colin Hardman. Any creditors requiring a copy of the report (which is available free of charge), should write to No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented at the meeting.

Peter Norman Spratt.
Joint Administrative Receiver.
3 May 1996.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
GB Construction Service Limited

Registered Number: 02548387. Trading Name: GB Construction Service Limited. Nature of Business: Construction and related activities. Trade classification: 23. Date of Appointment of joint administrative receivers. 29 April 1996. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Names of joint administrative receivers: Roger Marsh, Ian Clifford Powell. Office Holder Numbers: 5925, 7852. Addresses: Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN. Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS.

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GB Artstone Limited

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AIOC Corporation Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 9th May 1996.

DATED THIS 9TH MAY 1996.
Peter S Dunn, FCA Liquidator.

LICC (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
t/a LONDON INTERNATIONAL CARGO CENTRE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd floor) London, W2 6LF, on 15th May 1996 at 2.00 pm for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.

Dated this 29th April 1996.
NEIL ANTHONY ROBINSON,
Director

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company, which is being wound up voluntarily, are required, on or before 14th June 1996, to send in their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to David Alan Rolph of Moore Stephens Booth White, 1 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2EN, the Liquidator of the company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator, are by their solicitors or personally to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distributions made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 8th day of May 1996.
David A Rolph, Liquidator.

NB: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been or will be paid in full.

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HRC Design & Build Limited

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GB Homes Limited

Registered Number: 02673994. Trading Name: GB Homes Limited. Nature of Business: Estate Agent. Trade classification: 35. Date of Appointment of joint administrative receivers: 25 April 1996. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Names of joint administrative receivers: Roger Marsh, Ian Clifford Powell. Office Holder Numbers: 5925, 7852. Addresses: Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN. Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
INTERNATIONAL AERO SERVICES LIMITED

Registered number: 02336834. Nature of business: Packaging services. Trade classification: 11. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 23 April 1996. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Barclays Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: R Hocking and S E Dayman. (office holder no(s) 2322 and 6696). Address: BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

NAME OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Highgate Rose Construction Limited

Registered Number: 02803422. Trading Name: Highgate Rose Construction Limited. Nature of Business: Construction and related activities. Trade classification: 23. Date of Appointment of joint administrative receivers: 25 April 1996. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Names of joint administrative receivers: Roger Marsh, Ian Clifford Powell. Office Holder Numbers: 5925, 7852. Addresses: Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN. Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Westgrove GB Limited

Registered Number: 02730182. Trading Name: Westgrove GB Limited. Nature of Business: Construction and related activities. Trade classification: 23. Date of Appointment of joint administrative receivers: 26 April 1996. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Names of joint administrative receivers: Roger Marsh, Ian Clifford Powell. Office Holder Numbers: 5925, 7852. Addresses: Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds LS1 2SN. Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS.

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Westgrove Holdings Limited

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Westgrove Special Projects Limited

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Westgate Decor Limited

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Lister Building Services Limited

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Fiftysomethings founder in realists' labour pool

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Good news for Gwent. Barring last-minute hitches, Korea's Lucky Goldstar plans a £1 billion investment to make silicon chips near Newport that could create 4,000 new jobs. This is something to celebrate. Expansive Korean companies take a longer view than shrinking British ones, so a new generation can hope for greater security than its parents. It is a fair bet, however, that few of the new full-time jobs will be for over-45s, even fewer for over-50s, scarcely any for over-55s.

How different when there is bad news on jobs. Ten days ago, Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance proposed a merger that will end about 4,000 British jobs. Attempts will be made to minimise any compulsory redundancy, presumably by the *time-honoured method of offering* early retirement. A senior union official noted with relief that there was a good spread of over-50s at both companies. Pensioning off the over-50s is the civilised thing to do. Some would doubtless love to go.

Old jobs go and new jobs come. But there is a mismatch. Apart from part-time and casual work, most new jobs generally go to the young. Older employees, especially junior managers, are usually the first to go when jobs have to be culled.

There are reasons for this. For companies with final-salary pension schemes, hiring older employees can be extremely expensive. Young workers can be started on lower wages too. Recruiters also have a natural prejudice against hiring subordinates older than themselves, on the grounds that they must be mediocre, unambitious or tired if they have failed to progress so far.

The younger the managers, the *bleaker it will be for older job* applicants. Neither John Major nor Tony Blair plan to recruit more greybeards into government.

Some young workers will be useless or lackadaisical, but from their number will come the leaders *of tomorrow. Most managers enjoy* spotting and developing talent. Older workers tend to have experience and perspective, which may be valuable for work, but is probably the last thing their managers want.

To others, this is mere "ageism", *as reprehensible to the liberal mind* as any other discriminating "ism". Worthy intiatives have therefore been taken to promote employment for the growing numbers of older jobless or under-employed. There were several in 1993, doubtless still *better know to most as "the Euro*pean year of older people". The occasional superstore retailer has found that older workers are better, more reliable and more available. But for every such discovery, there are still a dozen calls to retire judges, bishops, sports or arts administrators earlier because they are out of touch; for middle-aged managers to make way for younger people; for *ageing local councillors to be swept* aside. It was always thus.

Today, a serious new attempt will be launched to stem the tide. Eighteen leading employers, including British Airways, BT, Sainsbury and the Post Office will come *together in the Employers Forum on* Age. As many a lawn-mowing redundant fiftysomething may recall, some of these have conducted their own mass culls of milking executives deemed to be near the end of their useful working lives. But there is nothing like the zeal of a convert. The Institute of Management has already called for age discrimination to be banned in job advertising. Calculating how costly it is to *pension skilled people off early may* carry more influence.

Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England who, oddly, chairs the forum, argues that culls of over-50s have given them the impression that they are seen as *dispensable and less valuable than* younger employees. He says: "There is a danger that these attitudes will become entrenched and that British business will suffer."

In reality, they have been entrenched in business for as long as *the drive to make industry leaner* and fitter and for as long as the American doctrine of down-sizing, whose high priest is now belatedly recanting. The economy as a whole is suffering.

As the CBI's Director-General, *Mr Davies led the cheers for official* retirement ages to be equalised upward at 65, just as reality was rushing headlong in the opposite direction. That move will raise the supply of older workers without any increase in demand. A flexible *labour market requires a large pool* of unemployed, according to the Bank of England among others. Increasing numbers of older workers will be swimming in it.

Even more will be in unplanned early retirement. That can be attractive but ensures that pensioners will, on average, have lower incomes and less free capital than has been assumed by projecting the growth of pension schemes. They will form a new generation of genteel poor. As last week's proposals on long-term *care show, however, governments* plan to load more financial commitments on the retired than they expected. That applies whichever party is in power. But fewer pensioners will be able to afford it.

Bridging that wide divide needs *far more than a modest change of* attitude among senior industrialists. Unemployment or relative poverty among older people is an inevitable consequence of the new economic realism in which Kenneth Clarke and Tony Blair so blithely agree that *lifetime employment is as dead.*

The more regularly jobs come and go, the more certainly old workers will lose out in the process, whatever the final tally of jobs lost versus those created. Only if job losses are stemmed will older workers be able *to make their full contribution. That* is a far bigger issue for the nation's finances than the ageing of the population. Without it, state finances will grow ever tighter and taxation creep ever higher.

RADIO CHOICE

A portrait in boiling oils

Picasso's Women. *Radio 3, 9.15pm.*

A non-stop tirade by the painter's first wife, Olga, launches Brian McAvera's four self-revealing monologues by women who played key roles in Picasso's life. The least scornful charge she brings against him is that musically, he couldn't follow two bars — unless he was *walking from one to the other.* Then she really turns up the heat. He had "all the affection of a buzz-saw". He was a "libidinous dwarf". He was "a waste of space". Even in death, there is no escape for Pablo Picasso. She swears from beyond the grave that she will find him even if she has to break down the gates of Hell, and inflict unspeakable punishment on him. As Olga, Barbara Flynn constantly tops up her reservoir of venom.

Book at Bedtime: Next of Kin. *Radio 4, 10.45pm.*

The colours Joanna Trollope mixes in her new novel are darker than usual. Even the one trace of humour in episode one is of the graveyard variety. As a woman's body is lowered into the grave, it starts raining and her brother-in-law opens up an umbrella. It bears the legend: "Mid-Mercia Farmers' Co-operative." Trollope's book, to judge by what little I have heard of Robin Ellis's reading of it, is strong on family tensions and dairy farming. There are some telling portraits, including that of the widower's mother. She habitually surveys her son in a calm and curious way as if she could never quite remember who he was.

Peter Davalle

Welfare shorn of its sacred cows

Alasdair Murray

says Australia's approach could *be the model for* our creaking social security system

An estimated 20 per cent of the workforce has endured a period of unemployment in the past four years

The cost of Britain's welfare state stands at £85 billion and is rising. The numbers dependent on state benefits have doubled over the past 17 years from one in 12 of the population to one in six, while incomes for the poorest tenth have fallen by about 17 per cent in real terms.

Increasing job insecurity means that more people each year are experiencing hardship, with an estimated 20 per cent of the workforce enduring a period of unemployment in the past four years. Not surprisingly the future of the welfare state is emerging as a *major electoral issue,* with Labour insisting that only it can be trusted to conduct serious reform. The Conservatives will emphasise their record in controlling the spiralling social security budget.

But *underneath the party* posturing there is agreement that Britain's creaking welfare system is in dire need of overhaul. A number of sweeping visions for reform have been put forward in recent years, from the revival of friendly societies to the creation of a "citizen's income", a universal allowance for every member of the population. *The ideas are imaginative,* but lack a costing or serious legislative framework.

Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security spokesman, began to set out his party's reform objectives in a speech to the Institute for Public Policy Research last week, in which he emphasised that a Labour government would set out to spend less on welfare *and that it was keen to employ* public and private provision as part of its strategy.

The public will have to await the publication of a series of policy papers to discover how these philosophical goals might be met. But a number of the Labour Party's ideals are already up amd running in Australia, which both Mr Smith and Tony Blair have visited recently.

The Australian welfare system was constructed, like its British counterpart, around the model of a single wage-earning household needing temporary relief from short-term unemployment. But *demographic and economic* change have largely made the model redundant and the Australian Labor Party spent its 13 years in office trying to adapt the system to new realities.

The reforms were targeted at *removing the welfare disincentive* to take low-paid or part-time jobs, the Government arguing that the crux of the problem *was not unemployment* but underemployment. It emerged that jobseekers were reluctant to take opportunities *in short-term* or part-time employment because of benefit withdrawals. The Australians were also determined to alleviate benefit anomalies caused by the increasing entry of women into the labour market.

But there is another good reason why Mr Blair's Labour Party has found the Australian model attractive. The Australian Labor Party was determined to make the process cost neutral and was prepared to trade-off better benefits for the lowest income groups with tighter benefit targeting.

The jury is still out on whether the reforms will ultimately save money. But the plans have achieved a remarkable degree of political consensus, with the incoming right-wing Liberal Government insisting it will preserve the benefits system intact. The few *reforms the Liberals have* proposed, including a tax-break to encourage mothers to stay at home, are simply tinkering at the edges.

Britain's Labour Party has made approving noises about *the newly introduced Australian* pensions system. Australia had a long-established non-contributory system but the country was to keen to expand provision without incurring crippling costs. The solution was a *new contributory system,* funded by employees, employers and the Government. The scheme was sold as an "investment in the future", with the Government offering to match employees' 3 per cent *contribution in lieu of a tax* cut, while employers pay up to 9 per cent of the wage.

The new system was backed by tax breaks, while the non-contributory pension was preserved as a safety net for non-workers. The result is that Australia has increased pension provision from 40 to 90 per cent of the population but is confident that government can bear the costs.

The main aim behind the overhaul in the rest of the welfare system has been to encourage the unemployed back to work, even if it is part-time or *casual employment, while pro*viding better protection to the lowest-paid. *The Working Nation* paper, published in 1994, concentrated on introducing a phased withdrawal of benefit to break the benefit trap.

The "underemployed" can now earn up to £30 a fortnight without losing any benefit. They are also entitled to accumulate this fortnightly credit when they are not working, to a maximum of £250, so, for *instance, there is an incentive* to take seasonal employment.

Beyond the credit zone, benefit claimants lose 50p for every £1 earned above £30 up to a maximum of £70, and then 70p for every £1. The Australians believe the scheme provides an incentive to work without offering a direct subsidy to employ*ers to take on only low-paid* labour. The cost trade-off is tougher criteria for claimants, with benefit payments dependent on fulfilling job-hunting criteria.

The second major thrust of the reforms is to redesign the *system to encourage women to* work by removing their dependent status. The partner allowance, aimed at women under 40, assesses each potential wage-earner independently, allowing women to start working before damaging their partner's income support claims. The parenting allowance, meanwhile, was designed to improve work incentives for low-wage couples with children and give mothers, in particular, the opportunity to enter the workforce. It is paid to the main child-carer, whether the mother or the father, and is only withdrawn gradually as income rises, again encouraging even part-time work.

The Australian Government was determined to prove there were no sacred cows in the welfare system and took the controversial step of means-testing *family allowance. Lab*our will note, after last week's public arguments, that the reforms also excluded over-16s from child benefit, although there is a separate means-tested education grant available. The result is that around 65 per cent of assistance is directed at families earning less than £200 a week, with the average payment £105 a week. But around 80 per cent of all families still receive some assistance.

Most of the reforms have only been in place less than a year. There is some concern that the system has become overly complicated, with the result that many potential *claimants are deprived of their* benefits. But there is a confidence, absent from the debate in this country, that Australia has in place an effective welfare system that it will be able to finance in the future.

*The country's unemploy*ment rate is similar to that in the UK, while the demographic patterns are also comparable. Yet Australia's total tax take is the second lowest in the Organisation for Economic *Co-operation and Develop*ment. It is a record either political party in the UK would be happy to claim.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Ostriches airborne

BRITISH AIRWAYS is tempting the jaded palates of airline travellers with the gamey taste of ostrich meat. From July, ostrich steaks supplied by Australia's largest big bird farm, will be among the dishes on offer to first class passengers on North American flights. According to BA: "Ostrich is the new trendy food on dinner tables because it's low in fat and cholesterol. The hunt is now on for more exotic and unusual chef's specials."

Knotty problem

HOWARD DAVIES and John Kemp-Welch were in fighting form at the Scottish annual conference of the London Stock Exchange in Glasgow last week. The LSE chairman stood out as the only attendee in black tie, since dinner invitations stated "dress attire: lounge suits". Tactful as ever, the Bank of England deputy govenor commented: "How democratic of the LSE to allow a waiter to sit at the top of the table in order to balance out the numbers." Kemp-Welch, who is a director of the Savoy, put his blunder down to the London hotel's rigid dress code.

Tuning in

ADVERTISING agency Bates Dorland could have a number one hit on its hands after today's launch of the music that accompanies the latest Land Rover TV commercial. Within weeks of the advertisement for the Discovery model appearing, telephone lines were jammed at the agency's HQ with viewers on the hunt for that "haunting" soundtrack. Instead of turning to golden oldies, Bates Dorland commissioned musician Peter Lawlor, who says he drew his inspiration from wandering the streets of York.

Hard lines

RAILTRACK executives are signalling for tougher employees — ones who can cope with the stress of profit centres and shareholder demands. None too confident that their existing culture can adapt to forthcoming upheavels, Railtrack is putting job applicants through psychometric tests to examine whether they're likely *to cope with the extra* pressure.

SIR Alistair Grant, who retires as chairman of supermarket group Argyll next March, has a busy time ahead. Between dusting his collection of fedora hats, Sir Alistair plans to write the foreword to a new Trollope Society publication, and has the taxing task of completing his libretto for a new work by composer Peter Maxwell-Davies on the Jacobite Rebellion.

MORAG PRESTON

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Charlie Jordan **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** In Concert: Black Grape **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** *Pause for Thought* **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.00** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Dance Band Days **8.00** Big Ban Era and at **8.30** *Big Band Special* **9.00** Humphrey *Lyttelton* **10.00** Unsung Heroes With David Jacobs (3/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast *Programme* **6.55**, **7.55** *racing preview* **8.35** The Magazine, incl **10.35** News from Europe **11.30** Food News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck, and at **1.15** *Entertainment News* **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.05** Actuality **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.35** *Double First. Tonight Barry Norman talks* to Niki Lauda **8.05** Parkinson on Sport **9.05** Tales of the Turf (2/6) **9.35** On the Job **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Soundbyte **7.30** World of Music **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** The Vintage Chart Show **9.00** News in German **9.15** 40 Years of Eurovision **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** World of Music **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Hoax **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Olympic Fact File **10.45** Your Media: The Newspaper **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today *11.45 Sport* **12.00** *News* **12.10am** *Take* Five **12.15** Record News **12.30** Multitrack **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Global Concerns **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** *Outlook* **2.55** *Words of* Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **10.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Celebrity Choice (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyle **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in D minor, Op 8 No 7); Kodaly (Suite: Hary Janos); Spohr (Double String Quartet in minor, Op 65); Glazunov (Grande valse de concert, Op 41); Dowland *(A selection of songs)*; *Ravel* (Don Quichotte a Dulcinee)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Suppe (Overture: Light Cavalry); Frank Martin (Quatre hansons, 1931)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Charles Medlam and William Hunt, viola da gambas. Richard Egarr, harpsichord from *Artists of the Week*: London Baroque perform Bach (Viola da Gamba Sonata in D, BWV 1028) **10.15** Dvořák (The Water Goblin); Graupner (Cantata Mein Herz *schwimmt* in Blut); Mozart (Divertimento in F, K213) **11.00** Schubert (Piano Sonata in C, D840, Relique); Chauson (Symphony in B flat)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Clara Schumann. Polonaise in E flat, Op 1 No 1; Caprices en forme de valse; Souvenir de Vienne; Piano Trio in G minor, Op 17
1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, *London.* Barbara Bonney, soprano, and Malcolm Martineau, piano. Robert Schumann (Widmung; Der Nussbaum; Mignon); Clara Schumann (Six Songs, Op 13); Alma Mahler (In meines Vaters Garten; Ekstase; Der Erkennende); Gustav Mahler (Fruhlingsmorgen; Erinnerung; Ich ging mit lust)
2.00 Schools. The Song Tree **2.15** Storybox **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** First Steps in Drama
3.00 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Philharmonic, with Kathryn Stott, piano, under Vassily Sinaisky. Glinka *(Overture: Rusian and* Ludmilla); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor); Dvořák (Symphony No 7 in D minor)
4.30 Hoagy's Jazz. The final episode of Mel Hill's profile of Hoagy Carmichael
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune. Including, *Mozart* (Overture: Cosi fan tutte); Prokofiev (Overture on Hebrew Themes); Debussy (Cello Sonata)
7.30 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, under Yakov Kreisberg *Maxim Vengerov,* violin. Vasks (Cantabile); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2 in G minor); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathetique)
9.15 *Picasso's Women* — Olge See Choice
9.35 The Venetian Connection. Martin Roscoe, piano. Fauré (Barcarolle No 6 in E flat, Op *70*); Liszt (Lugubre gondola, 1882 and 1885 versions); Chopin Barcarolle in F sharp, Op 60)
10.00 Ensemble, with Penny Gore
10.45 Mixing It, with Mark Russell
11.30 Composer of the Week: Nielsen (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather
1.00 Night School Letterbox **1.20** Singing Together
2.00 Through the Night Includes **4.00** Le Parlement de Musique **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00am** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sports News. **7.45** *Thought for the Day* **8.40** Beyond the Millennium (5/6) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week. Melvyn Bragg is joined by Minette Marrin, A.S. Byatt, John Pilger, Steve Jones and James Hurford
10.00 News; Dear Diary (FM only). Extracts from the explorer David Livingstone's *diary and* also that of his personal physician John Kirk (3/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Money Box Live 0171-580 4444
12.00 You and Yours, with Chris Choi
12.25pm Counterpoint. The final of the general knowledge music quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Cutting Edge. Tom Georgeson stars as jazz-loving DI Charlie Resnick in John Harvey's dramatisation of his own *novel* (1/3)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker sees Siobhan Davies' company perform in Blackpool and this year's Mobil Special Prize play, *The Misfits*, is staged at Manchester's *Royal* Exchange Theatre
4.45 Short Story. Dad, Mum, Paula and Tom. By Alan Beard. Read by Dexter Fletcher
5.00 PM 5.50 *Shipping Forecast* **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 *The News Quiz* *(r)*
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme *(r)*.
7.45 The Monday Play: The Ghost Sonata, by August Strindberg. Translated by Michael Meyer, starring Frank Finlay, Dorothy Tutin and Frederick Treves. A ghoulish tale of adultery, murder, deceit and betrayal (r)
9.15 This Must Be the Place. The *story of the village of Milton* Keynes which became a new town. Nick Baker *explores* archive footage from the time (4/6)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Next of Kin. See Choice (1/10)
11.00 Tinniswood About (FM only). Peter Tinniswood catches up with four of his schoolfriends rom the Class of 1947 (4/4) (r)
11.00 Education Matters (LW)
11.30 Babblewick Hall (FM only). An 18th-century sit-com written by Scott Cherry, starring Nicholas Le Prevost. With Forbes Masson, David Antrobus and Sam Kelly (2/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW).
12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Stone Diaries. By Carol Shields. Abridged by Alison Joseph and read by Shelley Thompson (1/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00** As **World Service**

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This male beauty contest is an ugly spectacle

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

This week Britain's leading airtime buyer issued a warning to ITV. The new Saturday night show **Man O' Man**, made by Anglia, will "fly like a piano", they said, presumably meaning that this noble instrument would launch itself over a cliff, flap its lid rather feebly, and then plummet doomwards, bouncing and breaking against solid rock, with loud "boing" and "boom" noises. Two weeks into *Man O' Man*, it is too soon to assess the viewing figures. But as primetime Saturday prole entertainment, it is as awful as you could expect. It is more like a Yamaha organ launched over a cliff, but otherwise the analogy holds quite nicely.

Man O' Man is fronted by Chris Tarrant, and the idea is this. On a set designed to look like a nightclub (with plastic palm trees and pink waterfall), an ersatz hen night is in full swing. Three hundred women, in their best frocks, cheer and stomp like an embryonic Dionysian riot while Tarrant introduces ten would-be ideal men on stage, for the audience to ogle, assess, and cruelly eliminate. Each contestant simpers to the camera some pre-rehearsed smoochy line such as "I wanna be your man o man," in a manner that, alas, few would confuse with sincerity. However, they choose quite novel methods of commending themselves. John Paul's ambition in life is to get his teeth fixed. Brian is a housing officer who wants to host *Supermarket Sweep*. Mark describes himself in terms of a toilet roll: "soft, strong and cute as a puppy" — which is clever until you remember that lavatory paper also has a habit of running out in an emergency.

Being squeamish about such shows marks me as a fuddy-duddy, but I don't care. I don't like *Blind Date* much; *Confessions* makes me weep. *O tempora, o mores*, that's my kind of thing. The only good thing about *Man O' Man* is the charity of the audience, who generally cheer the blokes in their various preening endeavours, and refrain from hurling cocktail umbrellas even when the three finalists are revealed ("Take off those dressing gowns!") to have concave chests, body hair like Wolf Man, and legs like spaghetti. I'm sure these ten good sports are equipped with titanium self-esteem, and will not require counselling for their public humiliation. But reverse the sexes, and this show would be completely unacceptable, if not (I hope) illegal.

A rather more sophisticated exploration of the mystery of attraction was at the heart of Saturday night's stunningly good **Screen Two: Captives** (BBC2), beautifully directed by Angela Pope, in which Tim Roth and Julia Ormond met in startlingly unpropitious circumstances yet managed to fall in love. *Captives* sounded like a gimmick idea — *beautiful lady dentist succumbs to* rough prison inmate, and has sex in a lavatory — but Frank Deasy's script took no easy options, the story was real and involving, and *both these characters had a perfectly* expressed emotional life which could encompass need, obsession, and watery-eyed hurt.

Set against the usual, clang-bolt clichés of prison drama, *Captives* was so fresh and subtle it single-handedly restored one's faith in *television drama. Ormond was a* complex woman, a competent professional but a betrayed wife, whose dentist husband (a posh Peter Capaldi) complained that their marriage had been "like living in a bubble". Being ripped asunder from him — both husband and partner — she was now visibly flapping at the edges. Had she been played by someone less exquisite than Ormond, the character would have been even more fascinating. "My husband had an affair," *she told Roth. "She was* very beautiful, apparently."

And so she turned to forbidden love with an inmate, for a variety of convincing but unstated reasons. *"I'm afraid it's me using* him," she told her best friend. Meanwhile Roth had the very difficult job of being enigmatic but still sincere, while we waited to find out that (Oh no! Not that!) he had murdered his wife in a fit of rage. Both actors gave brilliant *performances. Ormond has been* compared in America with Audrey Hepburn and Julia Roberts, but personally, I see bizarre flashes of Andie MacDowell — bizarre, because this is an Andie MacDowell who can *act*.

Last week I rather dodged my duty to **No Bananas** (BBC1). It was unprofessional and I apologise, but good grief, this sort of banal but respectable costume drama spews out of the telly like *tickertape, as if no one has the* ability to switch it off.

"The *No Bananas* machine has gone infernal again, sir!"

"No!"

"Yes!"

"You mean . . ?"

"Yes! Another three episodes came out before we remembered to pull out the plug!"

"Damn! Damn that *No Bananas* machine! And we thought it would be such a boon to mankind as well!"

Actually, whenever I start to write about *No Bananas* my fingers grow leaden on the keys, and my metabolism slumps to a virtual standstill. I don't blame anybody in particular. Alison Steadman is good; and the chap who plays her nice husband is lovely. But *No Bananas* feels like one of those children's invented stories in which things happen, and happen, and happen, and none of it challenges your imagination. The larky negative title doesn't help much, either. Surely it's a bad idea to title a television series after a cheerful acceptance of dearth, which is also (when you *break it down into its component* parts) a neat combination of nothing and stodge.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (81110)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (52868)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (4457771)

9.20 Style Counsel (7633232) **9.45 Kilroy** (s) (6967874) **10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick** (91232)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1870042)

12.05 Call My Bluff (s) (5185874) ***12.35pm* Going for Gold** (s) (4502394)

1.00 News and weather (55955)

1.30 Regional News and weather (62799868)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69210481)

2.00 FILM: Columbo: By Dawn's Early Light (1974) with Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. The perfect crime is hatched at Haynes Military Academy. Directed by Harvey Hart (Ceefax) (98874)

3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (2539313) **3.50 Bodger and Badger** (r) (s) (1262226) **4.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks** (r) (6629435) **4.10 Fudge** (Ceefax) (s) (5971874) **4.35 FOT** (Ceefax) (s) (2908058) **5.00 Newsround** *(Ceefax) (7350690)* ***5.10* Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (6136597)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (904961)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (961)

6.30 Regional News magazines (313)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Celebrity showbusiness quiz (2874)

7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck. Toyah Willcox continues her reports on complementary treatments with a look at trials of a Chinese remedy for eczema. Plus a report on the damage low-fat diets can cause to children (Ceefax) (s) (597)

8.00 EastEnders. The Fowlers are all set for an emotional reunion (Ceefax) (s) (5394)

8.30 The Liver Birds. Beryl and Sandra share a bottle of wine and make some surprising revelations (Ceefax) (s) (7329)

9.00 News (Ceefax); regional news and weather (5139)

9.30 Panorama. The moving story of Thomas Creedon, who was born with severe brain damage which left him blind, deaf and unable to swallow, and his parents' decision to ask the High Court to allow him to die (Ceefax) (213416)

10.10 Film 96 with Barry Norman. The week's films to be reviewed include *Primal Fear*, a courtroom drama with Richard Gere; action adventure films — *Executive Decision* with Kurt Russell; and *Money Train*, with Wesley Snipes and the controversial *Kids* (Ceefax) (s) (230665) **N.I.: 10.10** Room for Improvement

10.40 Omnibus: Eve Arnold in Retrospect (Ceefax) (s) (283435) **N.I.: 10.40** Film 96 **11.10** Omnibus **12.05** FILM: The Misfits **2.10** Weather

11.40 FILM: The Misfits (1961, b/w). Classic western drama which was to be the last film for both Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe. A divorcée searching for the meaning of life falls for a handsome cowboy. Their relationship is put to the test when he begins to round up wild horses and she is forced to choose between the man she loves and her compassion for horses. Directed by John Huston (857077)

1.40am Weather (3137820)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Engineering Mechanics (7215232) **6.25** Industrial Change (3658508)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4542400)

7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (Ceefax) (39961) **8.00 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (13348) **8.30 Songs of Praise** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5366348)

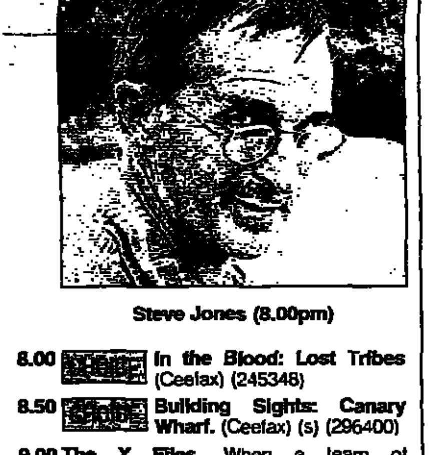
9.05 Daytime on Two: Zig Zag (4454684) **9.25 Movable Feasts** (9864597) **9.40 Le Cafe des Reves** (1382067) **10.00 Playdays** (2298435) **10.25 Hotch Potch House** (2236684) **10.45 Look and Read Special** (1495023) ***11.05* Zig Zag: An African Country** (3886077) **11.25 Revista** (9463961) **11.40 Geography** (8677329) **12.05pm History Collection** (7076771) **12.30 Working Lunch** (44706) **1.00 History File** (65991042) **1.20 Landmarks — Tudors and Stuarts** (65075058) **1.45 Storytime** (62872145) **2.00 Brum** (r) (44792665)

2.10 FILM: Stones for Ibarra (1988) with Glenn Close and Keith Carradine. A drama about a couple searching for their heritage in a small Mexican village. Directed by Jack Gold (847936) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (6958042)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (226) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (110) **5.00 Esther** (s) (7752) **5.30 The Wartime Kitchen and Garden** (r) (Ceefax) (690)

6.00 FILM: Sam Whiskey (1969) with Burt Reynolds and Angie Dickinson. Gambler Sam Whiskey is hired to carry out an ingenious robbery in reverse. Directed by Arnold Laven (s) (14522416)

7.35 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w). Bilko declines a chance to see the musical *My Fair Lady* (r) (448961)



Steve Jones (8.00pm)

8.00 In the Blood: Lost Tribes (Ceefax) (245348)

8.50 Building Sights: Canary Wharf. (Ceefax) (s) (296400)

9.00 The X Files. When a team of geophysicists stationed at a remote Alaskan outpost are killed by a parasitic, alien life form, Mulder and Scully are called in to investigate (r) (Ceefax) (s) (795874)

9.45 This Life. Warren falls in love, but when his romance turns sour he makes the decision not to live a lie. Meanwhile, Milly and O'Donnell are becoming increasingly close at work (Ceefax) (s) (604139)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (727990)

11.15 Guerrilla TV. Dan O'Brien explores the uses of the camcorder, and discovers it is being used for far more than just recording holidays and weddings (s) (183892)

11.45 Holiday Outings: Colorado Skiing (r) (962955)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (55068)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

In the Blood: Lost Tribes
BBC2, 8.00pm

He bears the authority of a professor of genetics but abbreviates his first name and never seems to wear a tie. Steve Jones is an expert who is also one of us. He starts his series by highlighting a family which claims as cousins, albeit distant ones, both Baroness Thatcher and John Major. The scientific content is stepped up when Jones goes in search of the lost tribes of Israel, scattered when the Assyrians invaded more than 2,000 years ago. The unlikely candidates include Yemenite Jews, black Africans and American Mormons. In trying to substitute genetics for myth, Jones goes down many intriguing byways. An accessible project is off to a strong start. But Jones's contention that everybody is related to everybody else if only you go back far enough may be taking demystification a shade too far.

Fair Game: Coaching and Poaching
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Greg Dyke returns with more punchy investigations into the running of British sport. The show that got Will Carling sacked as England rugby captain after his outburst against the "57 old farts" must be worth a look. *Dyke's first foray this time is into the* murky business of child football stars. Hardly has a lad demonstrated that he can dribble a ball than the big clubs are after him. They are nothing if not persistent. The father of one budding genius complains that a scout cornered him in a lavatory. Small clubs claim that the big boys poach their promising youngsters, and are prepared to bend the rules to do so. Sonny Pike, a gifted 12-year-old, has been signed by lowly Leyton Orient. No other club is supposed to approach him but according to his dad most of the Premiership sides have. Video footage, secretly shot, points the finger at one of them.

Building Sights
BBC2, 8.50pm

Damien Hirst, Posy Simmonds and Germaine Greer are among the contributors to a new series of short films in which celebrities enthuse about favourite buildings. Tonight's subject, the Canary Wharf Tower in the London Docklands, seems an unlikely candidate for such a project, having been reviled more for entrepreneurial greed than praised for architectural distinction. But Jools Holland likes it, even if he is so overawed by its size (it is, admittedly, Britain's tallest building) that he does not quite get round to explaining why. But Holland's quizzical and jokey style ensures an entertaining discourse in which admiration stops short of gush. The best tribute to his film is that it ends too quickly.

Omnibus: Eve Arnold in Retrospect
BBC1, 10.40pm

She is small and she is a woman but she is nobody's pushover. As much as through her talent behind the lens, Eve Arnold has made her reputation as a photographer by refusing *to be bullied. Joan Crawford tried,* threatening Arnold that she would never work in Hollywood again. Margaret Thatcher was even more difficult. But assignments which took Arnold to the Cold War Soviet Union, apartheid South Africa and the American Black Power movement, made her tough and resourceful. Beeban Kidron's profile is an evocation rather than a straight biography. We get little about Arnold's background and only glancing *references to her private life, though a son* and grandson appear to sing her praises. This is a study of a cool professional with the gift for stripping away the veneer and penetrating to the essence.

Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (9113954) **9.25 Supermarket Sweep** (r) (Teletext) (s) (7545023) **9.55 Regional News** (Teletext) (2102684) **10.00 The Time . . . the Place** (s) (6510961) **10.35 This Morning** (50879955)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1876226)

12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4601619)

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4506110) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (1995961) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (19860787) **2.25 Designed by Emanuel** (Teletext) (19776394) **2.50 Garden Calendar** (Teletext) (2488503)

3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (7994058)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7993329)

3.30 Caribou Kitchen (s) (1887459) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (1251110) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** (7287495) **4.05 Taz-Mania** (Teletext) (s) (5985077) **4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures** (Teletext) (s) (5898597) **4.50 The Big Bang** (Teletext) (s) (9238226)

5.10 The List (9789771)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (357684)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (900706)

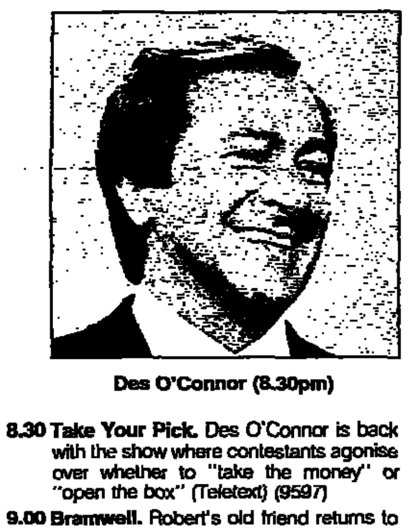
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (940049)

6.50 Let's Go (301226)

7.00 Tonight with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. The series launches with an interview with O.J. Simpson (4042)

7.30 Coronation Street. Betty begins to get her feet under the Rovers' living-room table (Teletext) (665)

8.00 World in Action (Teletext) (s) (1042)



Des O'Connor (8.30pm)

8.30 Take Your Pick. Des O'Connor is back with the show where contestants agonise over whether to "take the money" or "open the box" (Teletext) (9597)

9.00 Bramwell. Robert's old friend returns to London with a new wife half his age. Robert and Eleanor become suspicious when they see her mysterious bruises *(Teletext) (s) (4706)*

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (73990)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (197394)

10.40 West of England Business of the Year Awards. New series of the local business competition (400431)

11.10 Sound of the City (r) (870145)

12.10 Bushell on the Box (s) (4772714)

12.40 The Big Match — Replayed (4742917)

1.30* FILM: *Satisfaction *(1988) with* Justine Bateman, Liam Neeson and Trini Alvarado. An ambitious rock group get their big break when a 1960s songwriter books them to play at his beach house. Directed by Joan Freeman (890545)

3.10 The Crime Hour (6989153) **4.05 Jones and Jury** (s) (36647676) **4.30 The Time . . . the Place** (r) (s) (97608) **5.00 The Powers That Be** (r) (66240)

5.30 Morning News (22191)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:

2.25pm The New Mr & Mrs Show (19776394)

2.50-3.20 Cat Crazy (2488503)

5.10-5.40 Tribe (9789771)

6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (168619)

10.40 The Great Powys (278503)

11.40 Artyfax (150023)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.55 Coronation Street *(4506110)*

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (31279313)

1.55 Home and Away (39551226)

2.25 Check It Out! (19863874)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6637058)

5.10 Home and Away (1867226)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (43023)

10.40 The West at Work - Focus (400431)

11.10 Street Legal (870145)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (4506110)

1.25 Cross Wits (31279313)

1.55 A Country Practice (69224684)

2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (7682941)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9789771)

6.25-7.00 Central News (168619)

10.40 Sport in Question (278503)

11.40 World Championship Boxing (955955)

1.25am Hotel Babylon (7983917)

2.05 Customs Classified (7649795)

2.55 Jones and Jury (1277917)

3.15 Film: The Frightened Man (9141266)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Coronation Street (4506110)

1.25 Home and Away (31279313)

1.55 Shortland Street (39551226)

2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers *(7060313)*

5.10 Home and Away (9789771)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (329)

6.30-7.00 Country Ways (481)

10.40 The Pier (904110)

11.10 Meridian Works (554665)

11.40 Beyond Reality (150023)

5.00am Freescreen (66240)

S4C

Starts: 6.40 Super Dave (9378394) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (41706) **9.00 The Golden Girls** (25139) **9.30 Ysgolion: Le Petit Monde De Pierre** (5611042) **9.45 Book Box** (5616597) **10.00 Stage Two Science** (2228665) **10.15 Schools at Work** (2303868) **10.20 Place and People** (2222481) **10.40 The English Programme** (8771313) **11.05 Encyclopedia Galactica** (1287892) **11.15 The Mix** (9469145) ***11.30 Penawdau*** *(7822226)* **11.45 Backtracks** (7810481) **12.00 Right to Reply** (23413) **12.30pm Alfred J. Kwak** (39874) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (48665) **1.30 Film: Drums Along the Mohawk** (72394) **3.30 The Greatest** (787) **4.00 Australia Wild** (394) **4.30 Garden Party** (706) ***5.00 5 Pump: Y Newid Maw*** (9252042) ***5.15 5 Pump: Ffeil*** (7362435) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (918) **6.00 Newyddion** (366348) **6.15 Heno** (704955) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (288416) **7.25 Taro Naw** (446329) **8.00 Cyn Cefn Gwlad: Nant Y Moch** (4232) **8.30 Newyddion** (7139) **9.00 Hidden Kingdoms** (2348) **10.00 Sgorio** (5903936) **11.05 Roseanne** (553936) **11.35 NYPD Blue** (319619) **12.30am Music and the Mind** (49530) **1.30 Close 4.00 Ysgolion** (8786527)

CHANNEL 4

6.40am Super Dave (r) (9378394)

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12.00 Right to Reply (r) (23413) **12.30pm Sesame Street** (r) (20329) **1.30 Wowser** (39647077)

1.55 Barbershop. W.C. Fields as a barber whose bragging gets him into trouble (69222226)

2.20 FILM: Dentist in the Chair (1960) with Bob Monkhouse and Ronnie Stevens. British comedy about the adventures of two dental students after they have their instruments stolen by a small-time thief. Directed by Val Guest (477706)

3.55 Australia Wild (Teletext) (s) (3584961) **4.30 Fifteen to One** (Teletext) (s) (706) **5.00 The Gaby Roslin Show** (r) (s) (1955) **6.00 The Cosby Show** (771)

6.30 Hollyoaks (Teletext) (s) (333)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (286874)

7.55 Get Netted *(r) (Teletext) (s)* (430597)

Football agent Eric Hall (8.00pm)

8.00 Fair Game. *(1/6) (Teletext) (s)* (4232)

8.30 The Greatest. Frances Edmonds and Danny Kelly offer their opinions on tennis player Fred Perry and decathlete Daley Thompson (10/12) *(Teletext)* (s) (7139)

9.00 Rescue. The history of the rescue services continues as it returns to the Blitz to see how Civil Defence teams found and rescued survivors in the rubble of bombed buildings (5/6) (Teletext) (s) (4077)

9.30 An Inspector Calls. For senior beach inspector Steve Russell and his colleague Peter Crew, every day in Bournemouth brings its share of tomfoolery, danger and tragedy (5/6) (46110)

10.00 Karaoke (3/4) (r) (Teletext) (s) (5903936)

11.05 Maradona. Profile of Diego Maradona, football's controversial superstar (r) (Teletext) (s) (291139)

12.30am The Late Late Show (s) (49530)

1.30 FILM: *Hi, Nellie* (1934, b/w) with Paul Muni. A newspaper managing editor is demoted to the "heart-throbs" column after mishandling the story of a defaulting banker. *Directed* by Mervyn LeRoy (2805207)

2.50 Karachi Kops. With English subtitles (5/5) (5167424) Ends at **3.20**

4.00-5.15 Schools (8786527)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (7319042) **8.25** Trap Door (6483684) **8.30** What-A-Mess (54665) **9.00** Press Your Luck (9611459) **9.20** Love Connection (9755706) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (4521706) **10.40** Jeopardy! (9849771) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (3060232) **12.00** *Beechy (78787) **1.00pm** Hotel (87435)* **2.00** Geraldo (52394) **3.00** Court TV (4394) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (8700431) **4.15** Undun (7332597) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1874) **6.00** The Simpsons (8752) **6.30** Jeopardy! (5232) **7.00** LAPD (2508) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1416) **8.00** Strange Luck (17690) **9.00** Police Rescue (31226) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (34313) **11.00** Melrose Place (81348) **12.00** Late Show (2060511) **12.45am** Civil Wars (9104337) **1.30** Anything But Love (61288) **2.00** Hit Mix (9161337)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

9.30am The Book Show (3208868) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (3005936) **1.30pm** CBS *News This Morning* (99936) **2.30** Parliament Live (12110) **3.30** Parliament Live (9510) **5.00** Live at Five (78058) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (78459) **7.30** Sportsline (564348) **8.10** CBS 60 Minutes (870058) **11.30** CBS News (75058) **12.30am** ABC *World News* (75839) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (6103581) **2.10** CBS 60 Minutes (7528462) **3.30** Parliament Replay (20375) **4.30** CBS Evening News (84082) **5.30** ABC World News (64191)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Ivanhoe (1952) (49665) **8.00 The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1939)** (49874) **10.00 Danny (1979)** (97868) **12.00 Bedtime Story (1964)** (68597) **2.00pm The Poseidon Adventure (1972)** ([illegible]) **4.00 Moon Zero Two (1969)** ([illegible]) **6.00 Moment of Truth: To Walk Again (1994)** (41058) **7.30 E! Feature** (3684) **8.00 Freefall: Flight 174 (1993)** (13874) **10.00 On Deadly Ground (1994)** (723771) **11.45 Wrestling Ernest Hemingway (1993)** (64879868) **1.50am Someone She Knows (1994)** (3398356) **3.20 When a Stranger Calls Back (1993)** (69752578)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Spanish Main (1945) (14042416) **5.40 The Glass Menagerie (1950)** (16616329) **7.30 Raid on Entebbe (1976)** (272416) **10.00 Forced Vengeance (1982)** (424023) **11.35 The Leopard (1963)** (94930400) **2.15am-4.00 *Peeping Tom* (1960)** (954240)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Snow Queen (1993) (43435) **8.00 Pinocchio (1993)** (87706) **9.00 Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1986)** (57619) **10.00 *Crack Up* (1946)** (88110) **12.00 Kings of the Sun (1963)** (64139) **2.00pm Monkey Trouble (1994)** (29435) **4.00 Pinocchio (1993)** (96619) **5.00 Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1986)** (1684) **6.00 Groundhog Day (1993)** (36771) **8.00 Monkey Trouble (1994)** (11416) **10.00 Short Cuts (1993)** (15654329) **1.05am The *Only Way Out* (1993)** (549085) **2.45 Puppetmaster 2 (1990)** (613658) **4.15 Kings of the Sun (1963)** (233998)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.

6.00am The Muppet Babies (92425684) **6.30** Ducktales (36935232) **7.00** Quack Attack (87740665) **7.30** Chip 'n' Dale (87752400) **8.00** Darkwing Duck (50580684) ***8.30** Sing Me a Story with Belle* (50589955) **9.00** Lamb Chop (50676435) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (54144313) **10.00** The Muppet Babies (36853684) **10.30** Pooh Corner (50672619) **11.00** Under the Umbrella Tree (97903868) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (97904597) **12.00** Walt Disney Presents (70085428) **12.50pm** FILM: The Witching of Ben Wagner (13573023) **2.30** Making of Little Riders (45688145) **3.00** Ducktales (47652787) **3.30** Quack Attack (45683690) **4.00** Chip 'n' Dale (45506597) ***4.30** Darkwing Duck* (45595481) **5.00** Boy Meets World (47657232) **5.30** Danger Bay (45682961) **6.00** Tarzan (45689874) **6.30** Dinosaurs (45507226) **7.00** Zorro (47571868) **7.30** FILM: Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (58719400) **9.00** Hollywood *Lives* (97089232) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs (54135665)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Artistic Gymnastics (84023) **9.00** Sports Car (91023) **10.00** International *Motorsports* Report (11503) **11.00** Motorcycling (57429) **1.00** Triathlon (57329) **2.00pm** Live Tennis: The ATP Tour event from Roma, Italy (9532329) **6.00** Speedworld (89232) **7.30** Live Tennis (71329) **9.30** Football (64684) **10.30** Eurogolf Magazine (31446) **11.30-12.30am** Boxing (35400)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Gillette World Sport Special *(18416) **7.30** World of Speed and Beauty* (24023) **8.00** Finish Line (36348) **8.30** Racing News (35619) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (46771) **9.30** Super League: London v St Helens (76874) **11.30** Skiff Sailing (26874) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (39435) **12.30pm** Superbikes World Championship: Germany (55077) **2.30** World Wide Rugby (89435) **4.30** World of Speed and Beauty (6313) **5.00** World Wrestling Federation — Mania (3787) **6.00** Sports Centre (324042) **6.05** Sports Unlimited (608787) **7.00** The Winning Post. Windsor and Towcester *(86690) **8.30** The Story of the FA Cup* 1995/6 (75145) **10.00** Sports Centre (216110) **10.15** Bushido: The Ultimate Fight (645400) **11.15** Sports Unlimited (641684) **12.15am** The Story of the FA Cup 1995/6 (602269) **1.45** Max Out (603578) **2.15-2.30** *Sports Centre* (9417207)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (6552706) **11.30** A to Z of Sport (4267145) **12.30am-1.00** World of Jackie Stewart (7590207)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

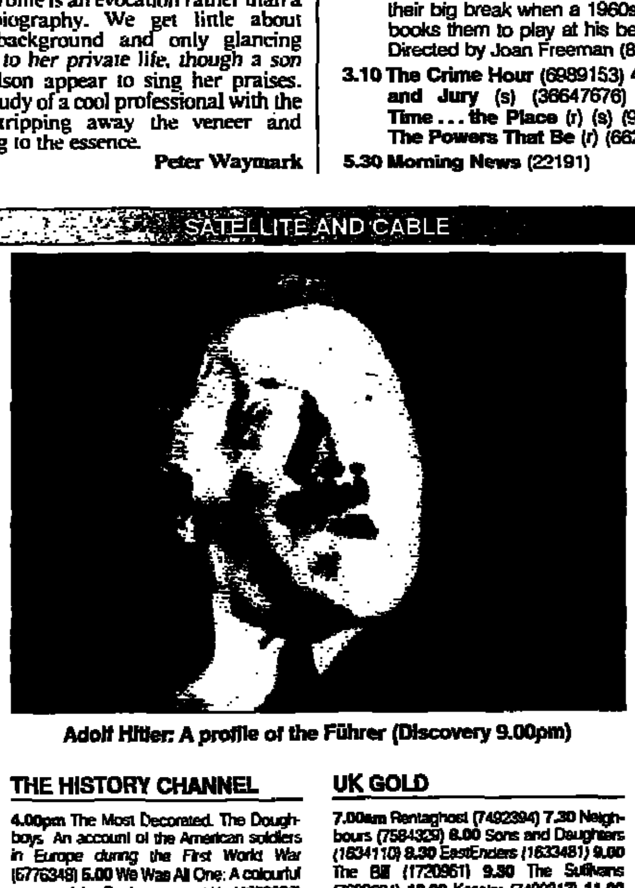
4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Voice of Faith **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music Tv **5.45** Miracles — Yesterday Today and Forever **6.15** Word of Life **6.45** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (8456503) **7.55** As the World Turns (2488936) **8.50** Peyton Place (7791690) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (1466110) **10.10-11.00** Another World (4534665)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (6689868) **11.30** Independent Travellers Guide (4882042) **12.30pm** Bruce and Bob (3362868) **1.00** Getaway (9010526) **1.30** Great Escapes (3361139) **2.00** Trailside (4360145) **2.30** Dive the World (9735619) **3.00** Globetrotter (4276752) **3.30** Around the World (7920936) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop



Adolf Hitler: A profile of the Führer (Discovery 9.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Most Decorated. The Doughboys. An account of the American soldiers *in Europe during the First World War* (6776348) **5.00** We Was All One: A colourful portrait of the Cockney way of life (4383232) **6.00-7.00** Biography: H.G. Wells (3443787)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm The Tomorrow People (4364961) **7.30** Captain Power and the Soldiers of the Future (9643684) **8.00** Starman (9520868) **9.00** Outer Limits (9608232) **10.00** Close **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (9117627) **2.00-4.00** FILM: The Andromeda Strain (2962337)

TLC

9.00am Simply Painting (1728503) **9.30** Grow with Joe (7687226) **10.00** Dogs with Dunbar (5574139) **10.30** Our House (1724787) **11.00** Room for Improvement (6123868) **11.30** Craftwise (6124597) **12.00** Julia Child (1642139) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (7681042) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (7595435) **1.30** Furniture to Go (7680313) **2.00** Our House (1859394) **2.30** The Garden Show (1889481) **3.00** It's a Vet's Life (1941329) **3.30-4.00** This Old House

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (7492394) **7.30** Neighbours (7584329) **8.00** Sons and Daughters *(1834110)* **8.30** EastEnders (1633481) **9.00** The Bill (1720961) **9.30** The Sullivans (7689684) **10.00** Kessler (7400313) **11.00** Bullseye (6125226) **11.30** Gibberish (7411416) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (55327787) **12.30** Neighbours (7683400) **1.00** EastEnders (5137416) **1.35** Sykes (8852972) **2.15** Man About the House (7799619) **2.50** Three Up, Two Down (8107394) **3.30** The Bill (1893684) **4.00** Minder (6212706) **5.00** Every Second Counts (7717874) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (6215706) **6.25** EastEnders (4276232) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (2063665) **8.00** Bullseye (1944416) **8.30** Man About the House (1850023) **9.00** Casualty (2165077) **10.00** The Bill (4626597) **10.35** The Best of TOTP (5883329) **11.20** Capital City (4990597) **12.20am** FILM: Across the Wide Missouri (1414530) **1.20-2.30** *Shopping* (82808998)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (33023) **6.30** Degrassi Junior High (54042) **7.00** Ready or *Not* (85400) **7.30** *California Dreams* (77435) **8.00** Byker Grove (83416) **8.30** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (62787) **9.00** The New Pink Panther Show (80139) ***9.30** Garfield and Friends (90058)* ***10.00*** Eek the Cat (45394) **10.30** Creepy Crawlers (79023) **11.00** Casper and Friends (69503) **11.30** Dinobabies (60232) **12.00** Tiny TCC (66503) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (92619) **1.30** Sesame Street (93348) **2.30** Tiny TCC (3435) **3.00** Eek the Cat (5315) **3.30** The New Pink *Panther* Show (2752) **4.00** California Dreams (4787) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (9941)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dungeons and Dragons (91077) **6.30** Galaxy High School (23941) ***7.00** Mr* Men (4859771) **7.05** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (3103481) **7.45** Rugrats (5792329) **8.00** Doug (4390481) **8.15** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (4486232) **8.30** Rocko (26961) **9.00** Biker Mice (44313) **9.30** The Littlest Pet Shop (54232) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (5342058) **10.10** Babar (9509684) **10.35** Topsy and Tim (7295665) **10.40** Barney (7398706) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (7397077) **11.00** Children's BBC (31313) **12.00** Magic School Bus (37077) **12.30pm** Gummy (65348) **1.00** Denver (15329) **1.30** Visionaries (64619) **2.00** Littlest Pet Shop (8042) **2.30** Children's BBC (65226) **3.30** Mighty Max (6936) **4.00** Santo Bugito (8771) **4.30** Rugrats (4106481) **4.45** Doug (4101936) **5.00** Sister Sister (9394) **5.30** Clarissa (1435) **6.00** Alex Mack (8348) **6.30-7.00** *Afraid of the Dark?* (9400)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (1976961) **4.30** Nature Nature (1972145) **5.00** Deep Probe Expeditions (1852481) **6.00** Charlie Bravo (1880110) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (5978597) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (1973874) **8.00** Natural Born Killers (2070955) **9.00** Hitler (2163619) **10.00** Hitler (2166706) **11.00-12.00** Crocodile Territory (7409684)

BRAVO

12.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood (1639665) **12.30pm** The Adventures of William Tell (7685868) **1.00** Jason King (7873023) **2.00** Return of the Saint (5562394) **3.00** *The Saint* (6122139) ***4.00*** FILM: Private's Progress (1869771) **6.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (1884936) **6.30** The Time Tunnel (5965023) **7.30** Dead at 21 (1897400) **8.00** Return of the Saint (2087481) **9.00** Starsky and Hutch *(2150145)* ***10.00-12.00** FILM: Borderline* (6114110)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm *Different Strokes* (2058) **7.30** Entertainment Tonight (5684) **8.00** Benson (1706) **8.30** Wings (7313) **9.00** Soap (30023) **9.30** Taxi (72684) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (38706) **10.30** Comikaze Night (39313) **12.30am** Soap (69172) **1.00** Taxi (58240) **1.30** Laverne and Shirley (93268) **2.00** *Entertainment Tonight* (30789) **2.30** London Underground (88066) **3.00-4.00** Saturday Night Live (22172)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (8467706) **7.00** Esther (5062400) **7.30** *Young and the Restless* (2752941) **8.20** Gladrags and Glamour (7834431) **8.30** An Englishwoman's Garden (6345868) **9.00** Masterchef 92 (6991139) **9.35** Kate and Allie (8814954) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (5552058) **10.05** Jerry Springer (2742690) **11.00** Young and the Restless (7137110) **11.55** Brookside (6914232) **12.30pm** Dangerous Women (7223348) **1.25** Catchword (9324619) **2.00** Agony Hour (5140752) **3.00** Live at Three (8324481) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9739665) **4.30** Crosswits (2117077) **5.05** Lingo (15880936) ***5.30** Lucky Ladders* (9822329) **6.00** Bewitched (9749042) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (3523416) **7.05** Brookside (3252058) **7.35** Joker's Wild (7690077) **8.00** Street Legal (1809752) **9.00** FILM: Nobody's Child (72544955) **10.50** Entertain*ment Now!* (8674313) ***11.00-12.00** Sex* Files (5151348)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Road to Avonlea (7145) **6.00** Batman (8936) **6.30** Catchphrase (5416) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (8874) **7.30** The Fall Guy (15400) **8.30** Duty Free (3329) **9.00** Stay Lucky (13510) **10.00** Round the World Treasure Hunt (14597) **11.00** Neon Rider (74348) **12.00** The Fall Guy (84608) **1.00am** Batman (94066) **1.30** All Together Now *(41462) **2.00** Big Brother Jake (45375)* **2.30** Neon Rider (51202) **3.30** All Together Now (48462) **4.00-5.00** Road to Avonlea (14789)

MTV

7.30am First Look (73665) **8.00** Morning *Mix (316619) **11.00** US Top 20 (82313)* **12.00** Greatest Hits (19139) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (31145) **3.00** Select MTV (73706) **4.00** Hanging Out (16868) **5.30** Dial MTV (3481) **6.00** Soap Dish (4874) **6.30** Road Rules (7874) **7.00** Hit List UK (74394) **9.00** *MTV Live in Amsterdam* (85597) **9.30** Amour (88232) **10.30** The State (72110) **11.00** Yo! MTV Raps (78139) **1.00am** Night Videos (3753191) **5.00** Awake on the Wildside (31269)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (6601357) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (2961706) **12.00** Heart and Soul (3449961) **1.00** The Vinyl Years (3352481) **2.00pm** Ten of the Best (2987477) **3.00** Into the Music (5095771) **6.00** Happy Hour (3445145) **7.00** VH-1 for You (9619706) **8.00** VH-1 Album Chart (8526042) **10.00** Beatclub Live: Stevie Wonder (9618077) **11.00** Tommy Vance is the Nightfly (4171394) **1.00am** Ten of the Best *(9119085) **2.00** Dawn Patrol*

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm** on **satellite, 24 hours on cable**

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (86532936) **7.30** Asian Morning (28808139) **8.30** Zee Presents (47832400) **9.00** Gujarati Serial (47823752) **9.30** Galaxzee (57056313) **10.00** Urdu Serial (86540855) **11.00** Khana Khazana *(18195139) **11.30** Rang Tarang* (17529058) **12.30pm** Buniyaad (57130325) **1.00** Hindi FILM (86760477) **4.00** BBCD (59815232) **4.30** Junglee Toofan Tyre Puncture (59811416) **5.00** Zee Zone (13774329) **5.30** Akbar Birbal (59739868) **6.00** Usha Uthup (59729481) **6.30** Zee and U (59816961) **7.00** Parampara (65953145) **8.00** News (19890313) **8.30** Filmi Chakkar (19782348) **9.00** Hindi FILM (12739042) **11.30-12.00** Scandal (29836139)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.

7.00pm Advance to the Rear (1964) (87751771) **9.00 Operation Crossbow (1965)** (32555042) **11.00 A Southern Yankee (1948)** (82055315) **12.40am The Body Stealers (1969)** (52814337) **2.15-5.00 Operation Crossbow (1965)** (94811066)

CNN/QVC

CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel.

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Maynard Ferguson **8.00** Aria **8.30** Yehudi Menuhin — Return to the Soviet *Union* **10.30** Guitarra **11.00** Opera Stories Tosca **12.00-1.00am** Alberta Hunter

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Barings chiefs to tell how Leeson went undetected

Tuckey: bonus hopes

By Robert Miller

THE four most senior executives running Barings at the time of the £860 million crash are set to give the first public account of how and why they failed to detect Nick Leeson's fraudulent trading. On Wednesday, members of the Commons Treasury Select Committee will quiz Peter Baring, former chairman of the merchant bank, Andrew Tuckey, his deputy, Peter Norris, the chief executive officer and Geoffrey Barnett, previously chief operating officer, over their failure to prevent one of the biggest banking frauds ever.

The MPs, headed by Sir Tom Arnold, are also expected to press the four executives for details of their salaries and bonuses which were based largely on Leeson's perported success on Far East money markets.

Of the four, only Mr Barnett has been exonerated after an investigation by the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA). As a result of the inquiry Mr Baring agreed never to work in the City again and Mr Tuckey agreed to play a restricted role. Last week Mr Norris was suspended from senior SFA registers for three years with £10,000 costs. Clive Betts, committee member and Labour MP for Sheffield Attercliffe, said: "We want to know who was supposed to be in control of the bank and who was responsible for failing to spot that something was terribly wrong. Was it negligence or incompetence, or was it a case of turning a blind eye? We will also be asking the directors whether they actually benefited financially from the fraudulent trading profits."

The MPs are expected to question Mr Tuckey on his position as a consultant with ING, the Dutch banking and insurance group that bought Barings. Last year, soon after the Barings crash, Mr Tuckey resigned. He was subsequently taken on again by ING Barings as a corporate finance consultant working on large deals, such as the £6 billion Lloyds Bank takeover of TSB. As a result of these successes Mr Tuckey was reported to be in line for bonus-enhanced remuneration of up to £500,000.

At the end of March this year, ING Barings let it be known that Mr Tuckey, 52, had retired on an annual pension of around £120,000 plus a retainer of about £110,000. In 1993 Mr Baring was paid a salary of £212,000 plus a profit share of £1 million and a £30,000 pension contribution. The next highest paid director, believed to be Mr Tuckey, earned £237,000 salary, a bonus of £1.4 million and a pension contribution of £34,000.

The Treasury Committee, which is conducting its own inquiry, will also question the four on the apparent discrepancies between the two official reports by the Singapore authorities and the independent Board of Banking Supervision. The bank's management were criticised in both investigations but the Singapore report accused the Barings executives of "institutional incompetence."

Baring: no City job

Jump in interest rates predicted

By Martin Barrow

BASE rates could leap to 8½ per cent by the end of next year as monetary authorities counter a resurgence in inflation, a City economist says today.

A vigorous recovery in consumer confidence, boosted by a series of cash windfalls and faster wage growth will prompt the Bank of England to urge a significant tightening of monetary policy.

As a result, base rates could rise sharply from the present level of 6 per cent and the first act of a new government may be to order an unpopular increase in the cost of borrowing, said Richard Jeffrey, group economist at Charterhouse.

Said Mr Jeffrey: "We continue to believe that the Chancellor will be forced to acquiesce to higher base rates later this year and that they will rise substantially higher next year, whoever wins the election." In spite of this, Charterhouse still believes that the possibility exists of a sharp rise in inflation in the second half of 1997.

Mr Jeffrey expects consumer spending — up 2.3 per cent in 1995 — to rise 3.2 per cent this year and 4.1 per cent in 1997. Consumer confidence will be underpinned by tax cuts, an improving housing market, and building society windfalls takeovers and flotations. "If our forecasts prove correct, the consumer will never have had it so good; at least, not in the 1990s," said Mr Jeffrey.

Charterhouse believes that the Government will achieve its inflation target of 2½ per cent by the next election. However, faster wage growth and rising commodity prices are expected to push it to 4 per cent by the end of 1997, Mr Jeffrey has forecast, with pressure on retail prices building up in the second half of next year.

Consumer demand will also fuel faster growth in output, according to Charterhouse, with GDP rising 3.2 per cent this year and 3.6 per cent in 1997, against actual growth of just 2.5 per cent for 1995.

☐ Michael Hepher, formerly group managing director of British Telecom, is to become chief executive of Charterhouse, it was confirmed yesterday. Mr Hepher, who takes up his post on July 1, was chairman and chief executive of Lloyds Abbey Life, the insurance group, before joining BT.

Economic outlook, page 39

Top firms back older employees

LEADING employers today launch a campaign to ban age discrimination amid warnings about the cost of releasing older staff.

A collection of 18 top organisations — including British Airways, British Telecom, Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury's — have joined together to form the Employers Forum on Age.

The group gave warning that firms were realising the cost of making older workers redundant — in early retirement payments as well as the loss of experience and reliability.

Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England and chairman of the forum, said that many employers had simply removed employees aged 50 or more from their staff as a way of cutting their workforce.

He said: "Older employees have thus got the message that they are seen as dispensable and less valuable than younger employees."

The forum reported that a B&Q store in Macclesfield, Cheshire, staffed entirely by older staff, was 18 per cent more profitable than other stores, and that workers in their 20s at WH Smith are four times as likely to leave as older colleagues.

Age and jobs, page 42

Strike ballot prompted by pay and conditions package

Post chief offers more cash

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE chief executive of the Post Office today urges postal workers to reject strike action in a ballot starting this morning and offers the prospect of more money in new talks with the main postal union to avert the Post Office's first national strike of the 1990s.

The call from John Roberts comes ahead of an announcement by the Government this week of plans for new investment in the Post Office's expanding counters business.

Voting on the first national Post Office strike since 1988 begins today in a ballot over pay, productivity, hours and working practices. Leaders of the Communication Workers' Union, who are recommending strike action, are confident that the traditionally loyal postal members of the CWU will vote for action.

But in advance of the vote, Mr Roberts, chief executive of the Post Office, has appealed to the CWU's 140,000 members being balloted to reject a strike. Speaking to *The Times*, he said: "My message to our employees today is to look very carefully at this issue. We are prepared to do more in the negotiations — and put more money on the table."

He criticised the CWU for moving to a strike ballot before negotiations had been concluded, saying: "It is irresponsible for the union to walk away in this way." He attacked the union for what he calls the stark wording of the simple question on today's ballot paper — "Are you prepared to take part in industrial action consisting of a strike?" — for failing to provide union members with full details of the issue in dispute.

In a complex package called Employee Agenda, the Royal Mail is proposing changes in working practices and pay, offering to draw together allowances and other payments in a move which the Post Office says will lead to 15 per cent pay rises for some staff, plus shorter hours, a job security guarantee and productivity payments in return for changed working patterns, including teamworking. CWU leaders say 30 per cent of postal workers affected will lose money under the proposals.

Mr Roberts says a dispute is avoidable "if we can get the union back, really sorting out and listening to what we can put forward".

The Post Office leader will describe the dispute as a great pity when he speaks today to the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters annual conference in Eastbourne. He will praise the performance of Post Office Counters — the one part of the Post Office given some greater commercial freedom by the Government last year — and will claim that its success, which will include a declaration of profits next month, underlines the Post Office's contention that it can be given greater freedom within the public sector.

Support for the Post Office will be given by the Government when Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, addresses the same conference on Wednesday. Mr Lilley is expected to announce which of three companies will win a £1.5 billion contract to automate 20,000 Post Office counters to allow the payment of social security benefits by computer.

But hopes of a settlement of the dispute before any strike action were underlined yesterday when the CWU echoed the call for more talks, although neither the union nor the Royal Mail is likely to make any move until the result of the strike ballot is declared at the union's annual conference in Blackpool on June 2.

Alan Johnson, CWU joint general secretary, said the union was willing to talk, but he insisted that the conditions put on the working practices package by the Royal Mail were "unacceptable". Speaking on GMTV, he told the Post Office: "Drop your unacceptable conditions in relation to the way of working proposals, and let's talk about a meaningful improvement in the terms and conditions of our members."

Mr Johnson, a key trade union supporter of Tony Blair, the Labour leader, not only denied that a dispute in the Post Office would be embarrassing for Labour, but went further, urging Labour to keep out of any dispute.

John Roberts said management is prepared to do more in the negotiations and to put more money on the table

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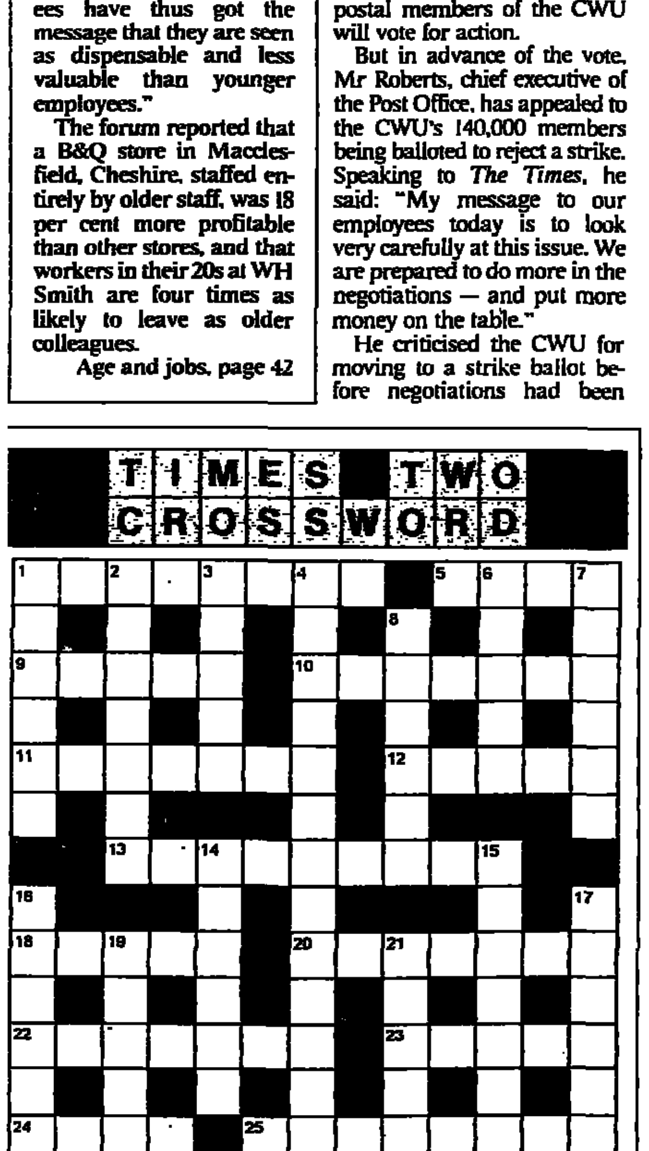

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23 Tramps waited for him (*Beckett*) (5)
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Lucas restructures pension fund

By Philip Pangalos

THE Lucas Pension Scheme, which controls £3 billion of assets, has completed a radical restructuring of its pension fund, involving a substantial reduction in its exposure to UK equities.

In the largest transaction of its kind undertaken in the UK pensions market, Lucas Pensions Investment Management has reshaped the fund's asset structure, involving a build-up in overseas equities, particularly in emerging markets.

Alan Rubenstein, a director of Lucas Pensions Investment Management, said: "One of our major aims was to increase our emerging market exposure, where we expect continued strong growth correlation with developed markets. We believe this will enhance returns and reduce volatility, thus improving members' security."

Overseas equities formerly represented only 6 per cent of the protfolio. Now 20 per cent is invested in developed overseas markets and a further 10 per cent in emerging markets.

A series of trades was carried out over March, April and May by Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs. Morgan Stanley acted as transaction co-ordinator.

However, the pension fund was unable to complete the proposed reduction of a 6.11 per cent shareholding in Lucas Industries itself. This was put off for the time being because of concern that it would have coincided with speculation surrounding Lucas.

British Gas holds key to price peace

By Christine Buckley

COMPETITION in domestic gas and the connection of millions of households who do not yet have gas could be at risk if British Gas rejects today's pricing reviews.

A stand-off between the two sides appears inevitable as Ofgas, the industry watchdog, gears up to impose sweeping price controls that will trim British Gas's revenue by about £300 million and shave about £25 a year from individual gas bills.

Last-minute talks between Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, and TransCo, the pipeline business of British Gas which will face new price curbs next year, are thought to have failed to breach a huge impasse between the two. TransCo is claiming that sufficient investment in pipeline safety, maintenance and expansion, will not be possible under the Ofgas proposals. This could jeopardise the smooth operation of competition in household gas, set for nationwide introduction by 1998 and reduce the chances of 4 million more homes having gas. It is thought TransCo would be unlikely to commit itself to new investment if it felt it was not getting a commercial rate of return. Large parts of Scotland, East Anglia, the South West and Kent and Sussex are without gas.

Ian Powe, of the Gas Consumers Council, said: "We don't know what is coming but alarm bells are ringing at British Gas."

Protest planned at Shell meeting

By Clare Stewart

PROTESTORS threaten to disrupt Shell's annual shareholders' meeting this week as the oil group faces renewed criticism over its activities in Nigeria.

PIRC, the corporate governance consultancy, is urging shareholders to reject the report and accounts in order "to demonstrate concern over the company's policies in Nigeria".

Shell has come under fire over its environmental record in areas such as Ogoniland as well as for its relationship with Nigeria's military Government under General Sani Abacha. International protests against the country's ruling regime came to a head last October with the trial and execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Ogoni leader.

Shell's annual meeting takes place on Wednesday at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in Westminster. In a document circulated last week to its clients, PIRC urged them to reject the report and accounts because, it says, "we have serious reservations about the Shell Group's policies in relation to the environment and human rights as set out in the report and accounts and we do not consider its response to shareholder concerns has been adequate to date".

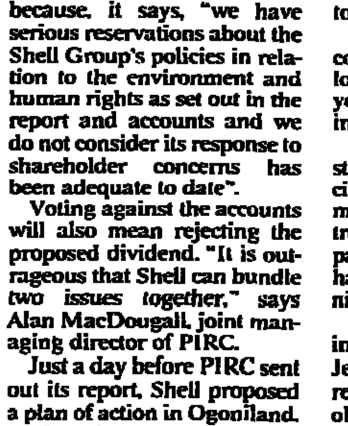
Voting against the accounts will also mean rejecting the proposed dividend. "It is outrageous that Shell can bundle two issues together," says Alan MacDougall, joint managing director of PIRC.

Just a day before PIRC sent out its report, Shell proposed a plan of action in Ogoniland, to clear the way to its resuming oil production in the area. The priority, says Shell, is to clean up all spills made since 1993, when it pulled out, and to make safe its facilities.

It also promises to restart community initiatives and look at new projects such as youth training and healthcare in the region.

"These proposals demonstrate our commitment to reconciliation," says Brian Anderson, managing director of Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria. "It is vital we have the support of the communities in which we work."

Shell Transport and Trading, whose chairman is John Jennings, said it had not received any shareholder resolutions regarding its activities in Nigeria.



Jennings: facing disruption

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Hezbollah attacks spark fresh raids and anger at Peres

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN JERUSALEM

RIGHT-WING Israeli opposition parties branded Operation Grapes of Wrath, the Labour Government's 17-day military onslaught on Lebanon, a failure yesterday as Iranian-backed Hezbollah fighters wounded five Israeli soldiers in two attacks in occupied southern Lebanon.

They were the first Jewish casualties since the Washington-brokered ceasefire ended the recent round of Middle East fighting.

Within hours of the attacks, Israeli and South Lebanon Army artillery pounded Hezbollah targets north of the security zone and Israeli warplanes were back in action for the first time since the ceasefire, firing rockets in two runs over suspected Hezbollah bases in the Mleeta hills in the mountainous Iqlim al-Toufah area.

With just over two weeks to go until voting in Israel's bitterly contested general election, the resumption of violence along the last active Arab-Israeli war front appears likely to become a central issue.

The right-wing parties had previously castigated Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister — who has a narrow lead in the opinion polls — for allegedly caving in to international criticism and ending the operation, in which more than 160 Arabs — most of them civilians — were killed, too soon.

The main right-wing opposition Likud Party issued a statement which disregarded the fact that the ceasefire secured by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, did not rule out terrorist attacks on Israeli troops in the nine-mile-wide occupied "security zone" in southern Lebanon.

It said the attacks, in which three officers and two enlisted men were wounded, proved Mr Peres's "failure in the Grapes of Wrath Operation". One of those hurt, a major, was said to be in a serious condition.

Netanyahu: offering greater security

Likud's leader, Binyamin Netanyahu, a former Israeli commando, is running only five points behind Mr Peres. The party's main platform is to offer Israelis more security. The statement added: "Peres has said that the understandings with Hezbollah (The Party of God) would last until the elections. The reality is different."

Former General Rafael Eitan, Israel's Chief of Staff at the time of the ill-fated 1982 invasion of Lebanon, whose ultra-nationalist Tsomet party is running in an electoral alliance with the Likud, said yesterday's attacks on a mobile patrol and military outpost proved that the ceasefire agreement had given Hezbollah "the edge" over Israeli troops in Lebanon.

The attacks shocked many Israelis who had hoped that there would be a limited period of calm on the frontline between Lebanon and northern Israel. They highlighted the fragile nature of the ceasefire secured by Mr Christopher after his week-long mission last month.

Under the document, to which no signatures were attached, Hezbollah and Israel agreed not to attack civilian targets. But Israel retained the right to respond in "self defence" if its soldiers were attacked inside the occupied buffer zone which they patrol along with their client force, the South Lebanon Army, whose troops were attacked twice last week by Hezbollah, who killed one man.

Similar retaliatory attacks to those yesterday, in which Lebanese civilians were allegedly killed earlier this year, prompted Hezbollah to fire Katyusha rockets into Israel's northern towns and villages. That sparked off the tit-for-tat of violence which swiftly became Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Many Israeli hardliners criticised the Government for not backing up its aerial and artillery offensive with ground attacks up to the banks of the Litani River, about 12 miles from Israel's vulnerable northern border.

Uri Dromi, the chief Israeli Government spokesman, warned that Israeli forces would take all "necessary action" against Hezbollah terrorists, without spelling out what that could entail. Political commentators said Mr Peres would be under heavy pressure to take more concerted military action against Hezbollah if Jewish casualties continued to mount.

Arabs urge withdrawal

The leaders of Israel's main Arab peace partners — Egypt, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation — met in Cairo yesterday and urged Israel to withdraw from all occupied Arab territory and renounce ideas of expansion and domination (Christopher Walker writes).

President Mubarak, King Husain and Yassir Arafat also said in a communiqué that recent violence in the Middle East — a reference to Israel's 17-day onslaught on Lebanon — should not distract people from the goal of peace. The three agreed to meet again after the May 29 Israeli election.

Medical teams evacuate wounded troops after one of yesterday's Hezbollah onslaughts. Israel responded with artillery and jet attacks

Hariri insists peace with Israel is inevitable

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU
IN BEIRUT

DESPITE the Hezbollah attack on Israeli forces in southern Lebanon yesterday and Israeli warplanes flying over Beirut for the first time since last month's ceasefire, Rafik Hariri, the Lebanese Prime Minister, insisted that peace between his country and Israel was "inevitable".

However, he said: "Israel has to make a tremendous effort, several times more than before the last aggression to convince the Lebanese they really want peace." He added: "There is no other choice."

Mr Hariri, a self-made billionaire who has invested heavily in Lebanon's reconstruction, will today urge Malcolm Rifkind and other European foreign ministers in Brussels to become more involved in the Middle East to complement American peace efforts.

"We're not trying to play the game between Europe and the US," he said. "What we will do is ask Europe to play more of a role in the region. Lebanon and Europe are vitally connected in many ways. If there is pollution off Beirut for instance, its effects will be felt in Italy."

He was confident that an international committee being established to monitor last month's ceasefire would work. "No one wants an escalation now," said Mr Hariri, 50, in the relaxed atmosphere of the Koreiten Palace, his three-storey sandstone residence in central west Beirut.

Yesterday's violence did not violate the terms of last month's ceasefire because neither side targeted civilians, but it emphasised the fragility of the agreement and increased the pressure on Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, in the run-up to elections at the end of the month.

Mr Hariri implied that their outcome would make little difference to Lebanon: "From what Peres says, he is committed to peace, but made war. [Binyamin] Netanyahu is talking about peace in his own way. The Lebanese people are asking what can Likud do more than the Labour Party did to them."

The Lebanese Prime Minister insisted that Hezbollah could only be neutralised if Israeli forces withdrew from southern Lebanon and was adamant that the Lebanese Army could then guarantee security along Israel's northern border. "The Israeli occupation gives Hezbollah political cover to operate as an armed group," he said. "Last month's [Israeli] aggression made Hezbollah stronger. Israel announced with their big military machine they would destroy Hezbollah and they failed."

There was a triumphant tone in the Hezbollah camp after the first Israeli casualties. "One Israeli truck was completely destroyed and a tank damaged," a spokesman in Beirut said.. "All the Israelis on the patrol were injured. Our fighters showered them with bullets and rockets."

Asked if he would ever deliver his conciliatory message to the Israelis in Jerusalem, Mr Hariri laughed: "They can see me on CNN. They don't need to see my face." He added: "The Israelis have to show they are really committed to peace. Ask them to withdraw from my country. Don't ask me to go to the Knesset."

Gibraltar voters grow weary of 'autocratic' chief

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN GIBRALTAR

GIBRALTAR could have a government more conciliatory to Spain within days as Joe Bossano, the colony's independent-minded Chief Minister, faces the prospect of an election defeat.

Polls predict that voters on Thursday could hand a narrow victory to the Gibraltar Social Democrats, spurning Mr Bossano's Gibraltar Socialist Labour Party for the first time since 1988.

Disillusionment with Mr Bossano appears to have reached beyond the middle classes, who have usually opposed him, and spread to many working-class Gibraltarians. Many have grown weary of the Chief Minister's confrontational style, which has soured relations with the Foreign Office, and complain that he rules Gibraltar like an autocrat.

Mr Bossano has also suffered from criticism over the smuggling of tobacco by fast launch to Spain. Although he clamped down on the illegal trade in July last year, ordinary Gibraltarians were dismayed by their government's failure to act more quickly.

Yet it would be an error to under-estimate the charismatic Mr Bossano, who is an agile orator and addresses crowds only in the Andalusian-accented Spanish widely spoken in Gibraltar. Peter Caruana, the Social Democrat challenger, speaks English in a Home Counties accent and appears awkward campaigning.

Mr Bossano has reduced his campaign to one emotive issue: the future of Gibraltar. He has promised to begin moves to decolonise Gibraltar "the day after the elections". He wants the colony to move to a "free association" with Britain, which would control only Gibraltar's foreign affairs and defence. The Treaty of Utrecht appears to rule out independence, but Mr Bossano believes that "free association" will satisfy the wishes of the Gibraltarians for self-determination.

The Social Democrats are in favour of direct talks between Gibraltar and Madrid. Peter Montegrisso, the party's deputy leader, said: "Whereas Gibraltar's sovereignty is not negotiable, we have to talk sensibly to Spain because our future economic cohesion is at stake."

Phoolan Devi, the "Bandit Queen", arrives in Delhi to take her seat as P. V. Narasimha Rao greets new MPs

Leaders unite to thwart Hindu zealots

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA inched closer towards the formation of a centre-left government last night as leading politicians united behind a drive to stop Hindu extremists taking power. The Congress Party, mauled in last week's election but still big enough to be kingmaker, looks set to participate in a fragile new partnership.

P.V. Narasimha Rao, the outgoing Prime Minister, faces a leadership challenge soon after a new government takes office. His party's governing body yesterday decided against raising the leadership question for the time being to focus on stopping the hardline Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from forming a government. The BJP, the largest party in the new parliament, is a pariah because of its anti-Muslim record, although it presented a moderate image for the election to capture middle-of-the-road Hindu votes.

Among the new MPs is Phoolan Devi, the "Bandit Queen", a former gangleader and alleged multiple killer. She captured the impoverished Mirzapur constituency in the centre of the Hindi heartland in a vote that represented a rise in the tide of low-caste political power.

Mr Rao was unanimously re-elected parliamentary leader last night, with dissidents saving their challenge for another day. The National Front-Left Front alliance of parties, which looks likely to take power, dropped its objection to doing any deal with Congress while Mr Rao was leader. The alliance regards him as the discredited leader of a corrupt government. This concession, made on the understanding that Mr Rao would face an early leadership challenge, cleared the way for a pact.

The National Front-Left Front hopes to be in a position to go to President Sharma today to try to prove it can command a parliamentary majority with support from Congress. With Congress's backing it would command a solid parliamentary majority, while the BJP and its few small allies remain substantially short of a majority.

Jyoti Basu, the Communist Chief Minister of West Bengal, and a leading contender for Prime Minister, met President Sharma on Saturday to stake a claim to power on behalf of the National Front-Left Front. He was given 48 hours to prove his majority. The President's decision on who will be invited to form the government is likely to be made after parliament assembles this week.

Girl sues school over race quota

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

FOR more than 360 years Boston Latin has been a glittering symbol for American education but the school which spawned Benjamin Franklin, Joseph Kennedy and Leonard Bernstein is now at the centre of an acrimonious national debate over affirmative action.

At its heart is Julia McLaughlin, the 13-year-old daughter of an alumnus who is suing Boston for turning her away from the gates of America's oldest school because she is white. Founded on a British model by the city's settlers in 1635, Boston Latin requires that its pupils endure a stringent admissions examination. Under a court ruling more than 20 years ago, however, the city requires that 35 per cent of the school's 2,300 places be reserved for blacks and Hispanics.

Although Ms McLaughlin, who sat the exam last year, achieved better results than 149 of her peers who were accepted by the school, she was rejected because of the required minority quota.

"She lives in this city. She had the grades and the scores. She deserves to be there," said Michael McLaughlin, her father who is handling the suit from his legal practice in Boston. The case has become a cause célèbre in a city that became a symbol for white resistance to school desegregation in the 1970s. Ironically, Judge Arthur Garrity, who was vilified by Boston's white community for introducing minority quotas in 1974 and ensuring that black and white children were sent to desegregated schools far from their homes, is handling the McLaughlin suit.

Judge Garrity has indicated that he may order that Ms McLaughlin be admitted to Boston Latin next year.

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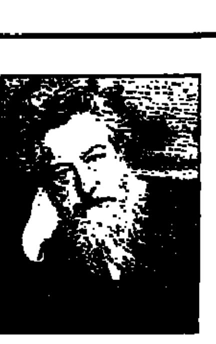

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Cybill Shepherd goes moonlighting on the jazz circuit at the Café Royal

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

CHORAL CLASSICS: Richard Hickox conducts the City of London Sinfonia and London Symphony Chorus in a *complete concert performance of* Mascagni's breathtaking **Cavalleria Rusticana**; with Susan Bullock, soprano, David Maxwell Anderson, tenor, and Matthew Best, bass. The second half of the concert is a selection of Verdi and Puccini arias, including *Nessun Dorma* and the *Anvil Chorus* **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

BRUCKNER This year's **Leopold Müller Concert** (7.30pm) is both a celebration of Austria's millennium and a commemoration of the centenary of Anton Bruckner's death. The country's leading choirs, A Cappella Chor Villach and Concentus Vokalis Klagenfurt, join the Academy of London under Richard Stamp in a programme that includes Mozart's Symphony No 10, *Gran Partita*, and Bruckner's Mass No 2 Earlier in the day (1pm), the American soprano **Barbara Bonney**, with Malcolm Martineau at the piano, gives a recital of songs by Robert and Clara Schumann as well as Gustav and Alma Mahler **St John's**, Smith Square, London SW1 (0171-222 1061).

WHAT NOW, LITTLE MAN?: Anita Dobson plays the mother in a revival of Hans Fallada's *Kleiner Mann, Was Nun?*: life in Germany in the last day's before Hitler's takeover, told in narrative and a cappella song. Margarete Forsyth directs Julian Forsyth's adaptation **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755) Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON: Today's events at the **Brighton Festival** include a guitar recital by Richard Thompson (8pm), the screening of Sergei Eisenstein's 1938 historical epic *Alexander Nevsky* (7.45pm) and a new production by Opera Restor'd of John Frederick Lampe's satirical *The Dragon of Wantley* (7.30pm). Highlights in the forthcoming week include innovative dance from CandoCo (tomorrow-Thur) and the Trisha Brown Company (Fri, Sat) Opera Box gives Strauss's *Die Fledermaus* (tomorrow), while Dilys Hamlett directs Michael Fry's adaptation of *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* (Fri-next Tue) **Festival Box office** (01273 709709) for information and venues.

CRAWLEY: The Canterbury Tales is back on the road, played as a modern-day storytelling competition, with a nervous vicar as MC (Brian Cant) and Brian Glover as the irrepressible Miller. Adapted by Michael Bogdanov and written by Robin Davies. **The Hawth**, Hawth Avenue (0293 553636) Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Wed 2.30pm Ⓢ

CUMBERNAULD: The National Theatre's mobile touring production of **Frogs** by Aristophanes arrives here for three performances. Aristophanes sends Dionysus down to the underworld to find a moral leader written when a demoralised Athens faced defeat. Adapted and directed by Fiona Laird. **Cumbernauld**, Kildrum (01236 732 887). Tonight-Wed, 7.45pm; mat Tue 1.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Derek Jarman: Artist, Film-Maker, Designer (0171-638 4141) . . . **Courtauld**: Drawings by Thomas Gainsborough (0171-873 2526) . . **Hyde Park**: Once and Again: painted plaster panels, drawings and watercolours (0171-402 2904) . . . **Llewellyn Alexander Gallery**: Godfrey Tonks (0171-620 1322) . . . **National Gallery**: Picasso's Portrait of Angel Fernández de Soto (0171-747 2885) **National Portrait Gallery**: The Room in View (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Gustave Caillebotte (0171-439 7438) . . **Tate**: Marlene Dumas (0171-887 8000) **V & A**: William Morris (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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☐ ***COMPANY***: Adrian Lester, Sheila Gish, Sophie Thompson in an excellent staging of Sondheim's bittersweet *musical on marriage, pro and contra*. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **ELVIS:** Spirited revival of the 20-year-old *tribute show* P.J. Proby plays the Vegas Elvis and Tim Whitnall plays the Pelvis in his prime Positively no emphasis on the late-night gorging on peanut butter and jello torpedoes *Prince of Wales*, *Coventry Street* W1 (0171-839 5972) Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri and Sat, 5.30 and 8 30pm.

☐ **THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**. Samantha Bond, *Michael Sheen* and Tom Mannion in David Lan's puzzler, set in the Balkans and to do with sacrifice, freedom and the like **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Wed, 7 30pm: mat Wed 2.30pm In rep Ⓢ

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen *Daldry's powerful production*, with David Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Estelle Kohler as the pillars of society. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **MIND MILLIE FOR ME**. Latest version of Feydeau's classic farce *Occupe-toi d'Amélie*. Peter Hall directs a splendid cast led by Felicity Kendal **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) Mon-Sat 7 45pm, *mats Wed and Sat 3pm*. Ⓢ

◪ **MULES** Winsome Pinnock's drug-courier drama: good performances by three actresses playing a dozen roles and presenting the uncontemporary message that crime doesn't pay **Theatre Upstairs**, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 2554). Mon-Sat 7 45pm: mat Sat 4pm. Last week.

☐ **NUREMBERG:** *Edited* from the transcripts of the Nazi War Crimes Trial, and focusing on the testimony of Goering, Roseberg, Keitel, Speer. Nicolas Kent's production is preceded *by Responses, playlets set in Haiti*, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia. **Tricycle**, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000) Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri 7 30pm and 9 15pm, Sat 6.30pm, 8pm: mats Wed 2pm, Sat 4pm. Until June 8.

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☐ **SYLVIA**: Strange romantic comedy by A.R. Gurney, with *Robin Ellis as a Wall* Street trader, Maria Aitken as his wife *and Zoë Wanamaker, as the stray dog* (Sylvia) he finds in Central Park. **Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). *Now previewing*, 8pm; mats Thurs (16) 3pm, Sat (18) 5pm Opens May 20, 7pm.

☐ **TARTUFFE**: *Ian McDiarmid* and Tom Hollander marvellously funny in Jonathan Kent's production of *Molière's tart comedy on religious follies*. **Almeida**, Almeida St, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4pm. Ⓢ

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Geoff Brown's assessment of *films in London and (where* indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **EXECUTIVE DECISION** (15): Good, silly fun on a hijacked airliner, with Kurt Russell, Halle Berry, and a *consignment of nerve gas. Produced by* Joel Silver
MGMs Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

MR HOLLAND'S OPUS (PG) Thirty years of a *music* teacher's life. Well-meaning piffle, with Richard Dreyfuss. Director, Stephen Herek.
Odeon Leicester Square (01426-915 683)

STONEWALL (15): Events leading up to the 1969 Stonewall riots. Wayward celebration of gay New York, with Guillermo Diaz and Frederick Weller Director, Nigel Finch.
Clapham Picture House *(0171-498* 3323) **MGMs: Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705)

WHITE SQUALL (12) Jeff Bridges's school ship battles the elements. Water-logged drama with a splendid storm Director, Ridley Scott.
MGM Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **BARB WIRE** (15): Dull trash, with *Baywatch* star Pamela Anderson Lee kicking ass in a futuristic wasteland Director, David Homer
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **BROKEN ARROW** (15). John Travolta steals nuclear weapons; Christian Slater tries to get them back. Bumptious and brainless action movie, directed by John Woo
Mezzanine Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **DEAD MAN WALKING** (15): Oscar winner Susan Sarandon visits Sean Penn on Death Row Powerful, carefully balanced drama about capital punishment Director, Tim Robbins **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MIGHTY APHRODITE** (15). Woody Allen searches for his adopted son's natural mother Engaging variation on old themes, with Oscar-winner Mira Sorvino
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233)

NELLY AND MONSIEUR ARNAUD (PG): Claude Sautet's marvellously subtle tale about an older man and a younger woman, with Michel Serrault and Emmanuelle Béart.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233)

REBECCA (PG): Joan Fontaine marries Laurence Olivier but has to live with the memory of his first wife as well Welcome revival of Hitchcock's luscious melodrama, made in 1939.
Everyman (0171-435 1525)

◆ **SENSE AND SENSIBILITY** (U): Emma Thompson's *radiant* adaptation of Jane Austen's early novel, with Thompson and Kate Winslet as sisters with different approaches to romance. Director, Ang Lee.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **SMOKE** (15): Criss-crossing lives in Brooklyn Agreeable, talky piece written by Paul Auster, with Harvey Keitel and William Hurt. Director, Wayne Wang.
Lumière (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **SUDDEN DEATH** (18): Clichés galore with Jean-Claude Van Damme as a fireman fighting an extortionist gang. Director, Peter Hyams.
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Better than ever second time round

OPERA

Ariodante
Coliseum

An operatic revival even better than the original — casting tweaked up a notch, staging significantly developed, lighting as painstaking as before — is one of the most inspiriting of experiences. When David Alden's *Ariodante* production was new three years ago it was predictably controversial, but — for me, at least — devised a convincing 20th-century theatrical vocabulary to articulate one of Handel's grandest heroic operas. He was certainly helped, then as now, by Ian MacNeil's atmospheric set and Wolfgang Göbbel's exquisite lighting, which deserves a notice all of its own.

Yet there were certain problems, not least the deployment of dozens of chairs in slow motion, which became something of a standing joke among the operatic chattering classes. Well, Alden has come back and the chairs have gone. There are many other changes, all in the interest of simplifying the staging, of sharpening the force with which it shows the devastating effect on a family and society at large of a single act of treachery. It also suggests — as Handel and his librettist do — that this family and society to a certain extent deserve what's coming to them, and are purged and strengthened by the experience. The bleakly stated Unhappy End of 1993 has been adjusted to a rather more Open End.

Michael Keegan-Dolan's new choreography is all gain, from the celebratory ballet at the end of the first act, in which nothing is quite what it seems, to the hair-raising close of the second, with its child-abuse, fruit-abuse (there must be 200 apples hurtling about the stage) and indeed ballerina-abuse. But Handel was writing music to describe Ginevra's worst dreams and this is, quite rightly, a total nightmare.

Joan Rodgers, new as Ginevra, presents the heroine's plight vividly, over-disdainful of her unwelcome suitor at the opening, tragically uncomprehending when accused of sleeping with him and sentenced to death. She is, of course, the perfect Handel soprano, the brightness of her tone complemented by a glowing warmth at its centre. Also new is Gwynne Howell as her father, adding to his King Mark and Rocco a third formidable interpretation for ENO this season. The grave beauty of his singing sits beside uncommon dramatic insight.

Otherwise the cast is substantially as before: Ann Murray taking amazing risks with tone-colour and phrasing to explore every facet of Ariodante's character (her "Scherza, infida" stops the heart as well as the show); Lesley Garrett going on a long journey as Dalinda, from young, starchy Mrs Danvers via alarming lubriciousness to True Love: Christopher Robson a villain in primary colours. Paul Nilon's Lurcanio sounded uncomfortable with some nippy speeds from Ivor Bolton in the pit, and I wonder whether the unremittingly silky string tone Bolton favours does Handel full justice — my one doubt about an evening of pole-axing musico-dramatic power.

RODNEY MILNES

DONALD COOPER

Show-stopping performance: Ann Murray takes amazing risks with tone-colour and phrasing to explore Ariodante's character in detail

CONCERTS: The glorious sound of visitors from Vienna; plus, the RPO celebrates Czech music

Allure of the autocrat

Vienna Phil/Muti
Festival Hall

Friday's visit by Riccardo Muti and the Vienna Philharmonic underlined something obvious but easy to overlook during an average London season: the magnetic allure of autocratic conductors and glamorous orchestras. For better and worse, both have become endangered species on our concert platforms, and a capacity audience paid inflated prices to hear the two in rare conjunction at the Festival Hall.

The VPO, here for the last of three London concerts in its 1995-96 European Series, has, of course, a uniquely luxurious *sound that sets it apart from* all its rivals. Muti's charisma guarantees viscerally exciting performances, and together they make a powerful musical alliance. This concert paired Mozart and Bruckner, composers central to Viennese tradition. With his Italian temperament, Muti has not always seemed a "natural" in this repertory, but here he shaped two inspiring performances.

Although Muti's Mozart makes no concessions towards "period" manners, his account of the Symphony No 34 in C, K338, was classical in the best *sense. It was old-fashioned* but far from stodgy, it had refinement but was never too smooth. Indeed, the outer movements were full of tension that showed how the composer in his last Salzburg symphony was anticipating the music of his Vienna years. From the silken sound of its strings at the opening, the orchestra played with lambent beauty, and woodwind solos rippled on the surface. Muti let the serenade-like Andante flow lightly, drew sprung rhythms in the finale, and ensured — by listening intently and reacting to the players — that the music sounded spontaneous and free.

Perhaps even Muti is mellowing: his highly-charged interpretation of Bruckner's Seventh was not so hot-headed as to threaten the spiritual dimension of the work. At moments he stopped conducting, allowing the players to indulge their Viennese sound. But he built the first movement up in broad, striding phrases towards climaxes of shattering power.

His keen, meticulous ear for *orchestral detail told through*out. He brought shimmering delicacy to the opening bars of the outer movements, stressed the dark colours of the Adagio, and revelled in the organ-like sonorities of the combined woodwind and brass. Much of the playing came close to perfection, but small lapses of ensemble brought reminder that the men of the VPO — the orchestra remains all-male — are also fallible.

JOHN ALLISON

Passionate voices

RPO/Mackerras
Barbican

Sir Charles Mackerras's greatest service to Czech music has been in opening our ears to the voice of Janáček. Thursday's Royal Philharmonic performance of the *Sinfonietta* was live with all those shifting, throbbing movements of animate and inanimate life: an invisible bandstand of brass soloists, unquiet spirits chattering in the Castle, tuba, bass clarinet and cor anglais chanting in the Monastery. And every*where the vulgar and the* minutely sentient commingling in celebration of Janáček's home town, of Czech self-determination, of human life itself.

But the evening's centrepiece was made of sterner stuff. Twenty years on, another great war was smouldering even in the ashes of the first: Martinu's Double Concerto for two string orchestras, timpani and piano was, ironically, completed on the very day of the signing of the notorious Munich Agreement.

All Martinu's worst fears would be realised. And they are all compressed into these three movements which, in the fingers and bows of the RPO's fine strings, sustained the tension set up by Mackerras in the Neo-Ba*roque motor rhythms of the* first movement.

We had been led in gently. Before the interval Dvořak had ruled: first in a stylish performance of the *Scherzo Capriccioso*, then in Ida Haendel's performance of the Violin Concerto. At 72, Haendel still has the highest heels and the fiercest bow in the business: writing which had daunted the great Joachim held no fears for her.

HILARY FINCH

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A hit at long last

SOMEWHERE in the Nevada Desert Eli Wallach is being honest with a journalist — from *The Manchester Guardian*, no less. The year is 1960 and the shooting of *The Misfits* (starring Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable, Montgomery Clift and Wallach, screenplay by Arthur Miller, directed by John Huston) is about to go 40 days over schedule. Wallach says: "I've worked with drunks, pill-poppers, manic depressives and Tennessee Williams — and this film takes the biscuit."

The shoot was famously dreadful: Gable had only a few weeks to live, Clift and Monroe were burning themselves out, Miller appears to have spent every day sourly watching his wife fluff the lines he had sat up every night rewriting. The completed film was poorly received, but it quickly acquired legendary status because of the stars, the crises of its making, and because it finally wrecked the Monroe-Miller marriage.

These events certainly provide riveting material for Alex Finlayson's play at the Royal Exchange (a world premiere sponsored by Manchester airport). In her sequences of mostly short, always telling scenes, the insanity of working with these hugely paid, fanatically adored neurotics comes clearly across.

Misfits
Manchester

Over and above that I am not sure what her scenes do tell us. The film was nowhere near being a masterpiece, even if Gable's performance is said to have been his finest, so the play cannot usefully contrast the disorder of creation with the serenity of what it achieved. The screeching rows between Monroe and Miller supplement the details provided in his own *After the Fall*, but, though their conflict is a major element in the story, it is by no means the only one.

Monroe herself, luminously played by Lisa Eichhorn, is the spine of the play: it opens with her discovering the desert, enthusing upon its emptiness with child-like delight, and speaking in a husky, breathy voice that is a remarkable recreation of the original. The play ends with another emptiness, this time a deserted sound-stage, where Christian Burgess's Miller watches her walk out of his life and the lights go off one by one.

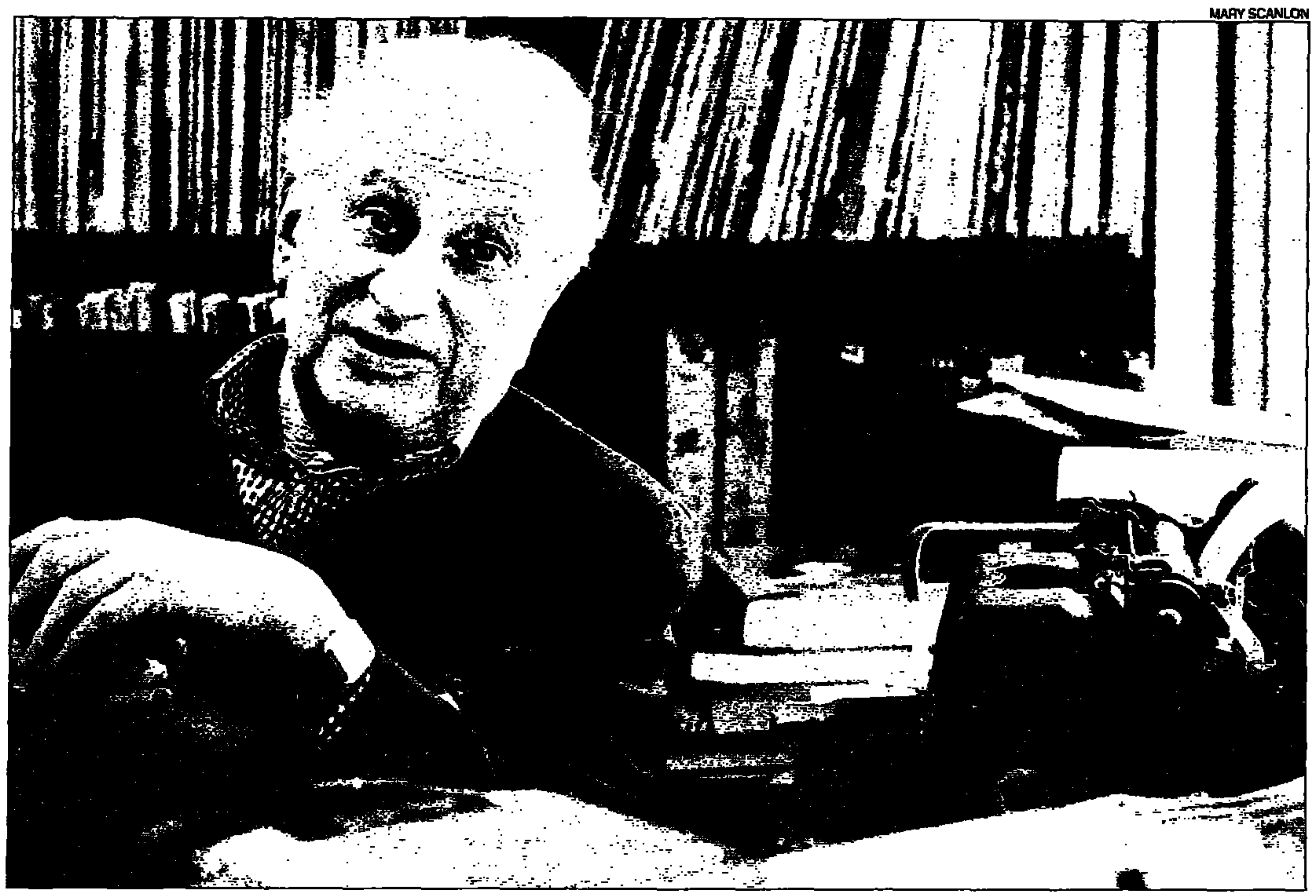
But if Finlayson's play is approached as being a look behind the scenes in Movieland, she presents us with fascinating glimpses and numerous crisply witty lines. She creates dialogue appropriate to the eight real and variously well-known characters, and Gregory Hersov's cast bring them to vivid life: Ray Lonnen's tolerant, battered Gable; Stephen Yardley's wary, action-man Huston; Paola Dionisotti's Paula Strasberg (Marilyn's possibly baleful guru). Hersov's handling of the pace, breadth and tone of the scenes is sure and inventive. At the end the audience clapped for a long time.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Ann Scanlon meets Studs Terkel – writer, broadcaster and great oral historian of the American Way

Storyteller of the 20th century

MARY SCANLON



"Attached and detached: being there and not being there": the Studs Terkel interviewing method that has served him pretty well for decades

Studs Terkel, Mr Chicago to his fellow citizens, is one of the greatest chroniclers of American life in the 20th century. Over the past three decades he has written eight oral history books which have given hundreds of men and women the opportunity to express their views on everything from the Great Depression to daily issues like work and race.

His latest book is called *Coming of Age: The Story of Our Century by Those Who've Lived It*. "I got the idea for the book from an old guy," he says. "He pushed me against the wall and said: 'You're not moving until you agree to do your next book and I'll tell you what it's going to be about: people like you and me, scrappers who want to change this world. What have we go to lose?' "

In an age of marketing, where the one-eyed jack of youth is king, it is refreshing to read about the lives, hopes and dreams of people aged between 70 and 99, people who, Terkel feels, are "a reservoir of untapped power and new astonishments".

Throughout his work, Terkel has been instinctively drawn to the old man mourning for his lost neighbourhood; the disillusioned youth who once believed that the Garden of Eden was at the other end of the street; the laughing bag lady of indeterminate age. He knows that these people are blessed with a poetic understanding, able to say things in a way a writer never could.

"Dennis Mitchell did a British documentary called *Morning in the Streets*, about a working-class section of Manchester shortly after the war," he says. "The rubble was still there and it was just people talking. Beautiful! They spoke poetry — 'Mansions of the mind,' this one man said. Oh yes, there's poetry running the course of life."

Terkel speaks in a highly lyrical way himself and admits that he is more than ever "haunted by the waste of human beings" and lost opportunities. "I'm always thinking about what might have been," he says. "To me, the blues is all the things I wanted to do and never got around to doing. In some ways, the blues means 'if'; it's also *nostos* (nostalgia) — 'I could have been'."

Terkel, who turns 84 on Thursday, arrived in Chicago from New York's Bronx in 1920. The city quickly captured his heart and cured his asthma. His mother, Annie, ran a working men's hotel and he would sit in the lobby and listen to the guests' frequent arguments. "It was an informal, raffish kind of education," he says.

He completed his formal education at the University of Chicago, where he trained to be a lawyer. However, his future path had already been determined by the late-night music that drifted in through his window.

"I remember the names: Lottie Hightower; Charlie Cooke. Black bands playing slow blues that they danced to on a dime. I loved that music then and forever, and later I became a disc jockey, playing folk music and jazz."

Terkel was instrumental in the rise of Big Bill Broonzy and Mahalia Jackson, who became lifelong friends. He considers himself fortunate to have known Billie Holiday. "Billie was something, with her gardenia in her hair," he says. "A friend of mine once said that a true artist reveals him or herself: the vulnerability of the artist becomes the vulnerability of the listener. When Billie sang *Willow Weep for Me* in front of ten people, we weren't weeping for her, we were weeping for ourselves. *That's* an artist."

Terkel hosted his own television programme, *Studs' Place*, before being given a daily radio show in 1953, which he continues to host today. He is currently organising tapes of the 9,000 people he has interviewed on it, ranging from uncelebrated men and women to famous names such as Dorothy Parker, Tennessee Williams, Federico Fellini, Gore Vidal, Simone de Beauvoir and Nelson Algren, who was Terkel's close friend and literary hero.

"You know Nelson's credo, doncha?" he asks. " 'Never play cards with a man named Doc, never eat at a place called Mom's and never sleep with a woman whose troubles are worse than your own.' Of course, he violated it, he went to bed with Simone de Beauvoir. He was rough, he was kind of a cad, but he was quite wonderful."

Unlike Algren, who could shut away even his most haunting characters in some lonely tavern at the darkest end of his imagination, the people Terkel writes about are with him for keeps. "If they're in the book, I get a piece of them, but they feel they own a piece of me," he says. "It's hard not to get caught up in their lives. But, if you do, you'll die."

Terkel says that the secret to his survival, and his brilliant interview technique, can be traced back to a night outside Chicago's Dreamland Ballroom when he saw his elder brother being threatened by a neighbourhood gang. He stood in the shadows and watched for a brief while, before coming to his brother's unexpected rescue.

"That's the secret about me," he says. "At that moment I became attached and detached; being there and not being there. And so here I am, still looking on the outside, but actually *inside*."

● Coming of Age *is published in America by New Press*

Shropshire lad remembered

Richard Morrison on 100 years of A.E. Housman's great collection

Few poetry collections establish themselves so swiftly or so deeply in a nation's affections as A.E. Housman's *A Shropshire Lad*. Published (at Housman's own expense) exactly 100 years ago, it contains 63 exquisitely crafted pastoral lyrics in which the unchanging cycle of life in rural England is counterpointed against the sombre tread of boys marching away to fight and die in distant corners of the globe. Love is weighed against betrayal, beauty against mortality: Housman tapped into classic poetic preoccupations, but did so with a narrative simplicity that won him a huge public.

How realistically the poems depict 19th-century Shropshire life is a moot point. Housman was actually a Worcestershire lad, so even in boyhood his "blue remembered hills" were more a landscape of the imagination than of close observation. When he came to London as a clerk (his genius as a classical scholar not yet noticed) an almost pathological loneliness caused him to recreate those hills in his mind as a "land of lost content": a safe anchorage of comfort and eternal verities in a sea of doubt and distress.

Housman: won a huge public with his poems

That enabled him to express, at one remove through his poetry, the turbulent emotions that he found impossible to articulate in real life: he was never able to form close relationships. What seems extraordinary in retrospect, however, is how precisely this specific emotional condition anticipates, some 20 years before the event, the anguished fatalism of so many young men sent to fight in the First World War. It was said that a copy of *A Shropshire Lad* could be found in every knapsack in the Flanders trenches. One can believe that.

But the collection had begun to exert its remarkable grip on the imagination of English composers long before the war. Housman, who described his poetry as a "morbid secretion", hated it being turned into song, probably because music made explicit and public the despair which his words touched upon only discreetly.

Nevertheless, dozens of composers flocked to set Housman's words. And as a memorable centenary concert on Saturday night proved, the poet's fears were misplaced. Performing in the heart of Housman country — at St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, where Housman's ashes are buried — Sir Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra captured perfectly the surging, doomed passions of *A Shropshire Lad*.

Two Housman-inspired pieces were played, effectively framed by Tippett and Haydn. The first was Vaughan Williams's *On Wenlock Edge*, with Robert Tear as the robust tenor soloist. In its orchestral version (the accompaniment was originally for piano quintet) the music can sound too florid and overblown for the wry, epigrammic style of much of the text. But Rattle kept the textures tightly controlled and the phrasing fluid, and the work sounded gorgeously evocative and utterly convincing.

Then came George Butterworth's orchestral fantasy, *A Shropshire Lad*. It is one of the greatest miniatures in English music, perhaps in all music: nobility and tragedy intermingled in a composition of incredible harmonic richness. And the fact that Butterworth was killed on the Somme at the age of 31, just three years after writing the work, clearly gives it extra poignancy.

Although there are many more *Shropshire Lad* events planned in Ludlow, London and Oxford for this centenary year — talks, walks, seminars, recitals and the premiere of some newly commissioned Housman settings — nothing is likely to touch the heart more than this: the sound of Butterworth's sublimely sad music echoing like an elegy round the old stones that Housman loved and immortalised.

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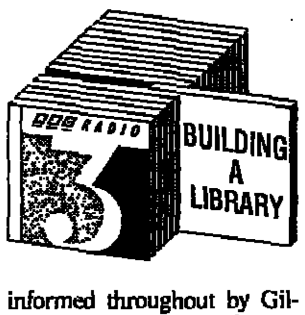
COUPERIN'S COMPLETE HARPSICHORD MUSIC

by Graham Sadler



To record all Couperin's *pièces de clavecin* (250 plus) must be a daunting prospect. The composer issued a stern rebuke to those who failed to observe his minutest articulation mark. At the same time, the music demands a high degree of imaginative freedom to penetrate the ornamental façade and reach the levels of psychological insight required to evoke Couperin's subtle world.

The search for this freedom often causes problems. Blandine Verlet (Astrée Auvidis) tends to adopt a degree of rhythmic licence that amounts to distortion. Far more sympathetic is Kenneth Gilbert, recorded in the 1980s but still sounding fresh, and informed throughout by Gilbert's unsurpassed good taste. At bargain price (Harmonia Mundi HMA 190351-360) it is superb value.

A rival in that price range is the set by Olivier Baumont (Musifrance 0630-10738-2): sparkling in the livelier movements, but too mannered in the gentler pieces. Baumont's playing is better sampled on a one-disc compilation (Erato 0630-11471-2, mid-price) — much the best anthology current available.

But no one equals **Christophe Rousset**. The strength and exuberance of his playing are a powerful antidote to the view that Couperin's keyboard output consists of effeminate trifles. Rousset is a player of extremes. But the best of his playing is outstanding, and this version (Harmonia Mundi HMC 901 442-452, three 3-CD sets, £35 each) may be confidently recommended.

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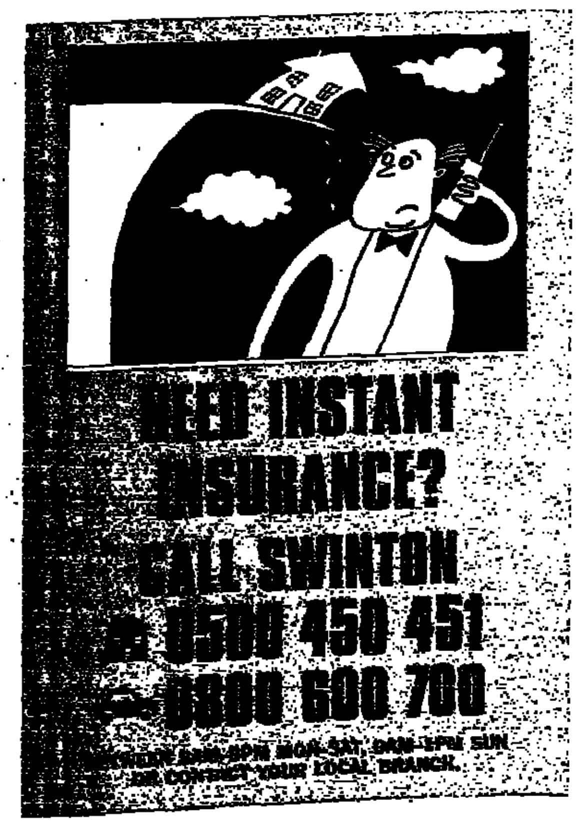

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Scientists have discovered that the way to feel good is to start from within

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A taste of summertime — if you expect a watermelon to cheer you up, then it probably will

Does mood food hold the secret of happiness?

The day from Hell stretches before you. There are a billion things to do by lunchtime, you have a crucial meeting in the afternoon and your presence is required at a three-hour power dinner. Your first instinct is . . . to have a cup of coffee.

What we put into our mouths has a profound effect on our mood — we might be able to cope when the fax machine breaks down but a malfunctioning coffee dispenser ranks as disaster. While a coffee can pep you up, the soothing powers of chocolate are known to all women who have ever nursed a broken heart.

"Mood foods" have fascinated scientists for decades. However, it was not until the Seventies that research into the complex workings of the brain revealed links between food (and drink) types, brain chemicals, mental performance and mood.

Now scientists such as Dr Peter Rogers, from the Institute of Food Research in Reading, Berkshire, are beginning to scrutinise more closely the influence of food on behaviour.

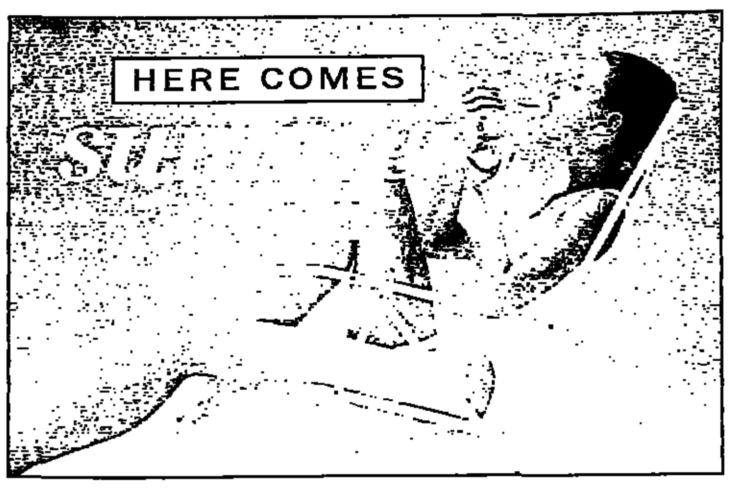
Psychobiology, as this realm of research is known, is a tricky business. First, the concept of "mood" is ill-defined. Dr Rogers thinks that levels of energy, tension and pleasure all contribute to our idea of mood.

Secondly, the relationship between mood and food is likely to be two-way, so mood can influence whether we opt for a healthy-looking salad, or an artery-busting fried breakfast.

Thirdly, it seems that a food can swing your mood in completely opposing directions, depending on how you *expect* to feel after eating it. If you expect a chocolate bar to cheer you up, it probably will.

What we eat is only one factor in determining our mood. Dr Rogers says: "There are lots of different things in everyday life that affect how we feel. We have to try to screen these out as far as possible because we are looking for quite subtle effects."

Intriguingly, some studies suggest that the effects of some foods depend on the type of people being



studied. This was the conclusion of the most prominent "mood food" study, carried out over the past two decades by Professor Richard Wurtman and his wife, Dr Judy Wurtman, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The study found that when people who crave carbohydrates had a snack, they felt less depressed and more alert. However, non-cravers given the same snack (high in carbohydrate but low in protein) felt tired and sleepy.

At first glance, this result looked mystifying. But the authors of the study suggested that the roots of the paradox lay in serotonin, a powerful hormone and neurotransmitter. They suggested that carbohydrates spur the brain to manufacture more serotonin. Such a surge would be expected to induce drowsiness.

However, low serotonin levels have been linked numerous times to depression. So a serotonin surge in a *depressed* person would act as an antidepressant, which would outweigh any drowsy feelings.

This theory was reinforced by studies of sufferers of seasonal affective disorder and pre-menstrual syndrome, which are both characterised by depression. These subjects did not become as drowsy after eating carbohydrates as non-depressed people. Furthermore, this link between nutrition and depression relief might explain why people trying to fight the flab become depressed as the weight falls off.

What about fat? Preliminary studies have shown that a low-fat breakfast had the best effect on morning mood, but a medium-fat meal was best for afternoon. "There is no clear physiological explanation for these findings," Dr Rogers says.

The pleasure we derive from chocolate appears to stem from a high-sugar, high-fat content. That we are born with liking for sweet foods can be seen by studying newborn babies who are crying. Giving them a water-sugar solution alleviates the crying — giving them water does not.

The crying stops before the sugar has a chance to get into the bloodstream, so the calming cannot be a physiological response.

One theory about food and behaviour is that we should tailor our diet according to personality (see left). This idea has yet to be tested rigorously, but Dr Rogers and his team did unearth a striking result which suggested that it should not be dismissed. He recalls: "We were studying the effects of caffeine and we asked subjects to fill in a personality questionnaire.

"We found that impulsive, extroverted types consumed more caffeine than introverts, and *benefited* more from it in terms of cognitive performance. Although it was a preliminary study we thought these results were rather incredible."

However, Dr Rogers cautions that giving up or suddenly adopting certain kinds of foods may not be an instant recipe for inner harmony. "People often already eat certain food which suits them, and changing it may not improve their lives. I would, however, recommend that everyone eats a healthy, balanced diet."

ANJANA AHUJA

THE HAPPY EATING GUIDE

Dr Joel Robertson believes that different diets can benefit different personalities. In his book Peak-Performance Living *(with Tom Monte), he lists his own nutritional guidelines for enhancing mood, mental performance and energy.*

He divides personality into two types — "satiation personalities" who prefer to feel safe and relaxed, tend to prize relationships above ambition, and shy away from highly competitive situations, and "arousal personalities" who work hard and play hard, are ambitious and need constant stimulation.

- **Satiation personalities should:** *Reduce or eliminate red meat and eggs. Cut out chocolate, coffee and soft drinks containing caffeine. Snack on complex carbohydrate (whole grains) two hours after a high-protein meal. Don't increase your overall calories for the day.*
- **Arousal personalities should:** *Significantly increase all complex carbohydrate foods. Cut down on meat and eggs. Cut out chocolate, coffee and soft drinks containing caffeine. Eliminate hard cheeses.*

● Peak-Performance Living, *Dr Joel Robertson with Tom Monte. Harper Collins, £8.99.*

African waters with a deadly secret under the surface

How a lake popped its cork

TEN years ago, in one of the greatest natural disasters of modern times, more than 1,700 people living near the shores of Lake Nyos in Cameroon were asphyxiated by a massive gas eruption.

It was not the result of a volcano, because the sediment on the bottom of the lake remained undisturbed, the lake water was cool, and water samples contained almost no volcanic gases except carbon dioxide.

Ever since, geologists have been puzzling out what happened, and why. Recent calculations by Dr Youxue Zhang, of the University of Michigan, point to a very familiar process. When you take the top off a bottle of soda water, or champagne, carbon dioxide rushes explosively out of solution, creating the spray which so amuses the winners of grand prix motor races.

The suspicion has long been that this is what happened at Lake Nyos. At the lake bottom, carbon dioxide from the Earth's mantle is seeping out through cracks in the rocks, and dissolving in the water. The greater the pressure, the more carbon dioxide is dissolved, so the bottom waters contain very large amounts of the gas. At a depth of 150 metres, for example, each litre of water contains at least 11 litres of dissolved carbon dioxide.

The waters of Lake Nyos do not mix readily, but tend to form stable layers. All that is needed to start an explosive release of the gas is a disturbance that raises the lower, saturated layers of water upwards. Then the lower water pressures allow the gas to bubble out of solution, creating a gigantic fountain of gas and water that hurls itself vertically out of the lake.

Dr Zhang's calculations, published earlier this year in *Nature*, show that the jets of gas and water at Lake Nyos would have been travelling at 80 metres per second — about 180mph. This would have caused huge waves, consistent with damage found more than 25 metres above the waterline, and would also have released vast amounts of carbon dioxide which swept down the slope below the lake, displacing air and suffocating 1,746 people.

If this model is correct, the question arises of why the eruption was not more violent. Once the process started, why should it stop before all the gas had bubbled out of solution? Dr Zhang's calculations show that such an eruption can be both violent and localised, and it seems likely that the mixing of shallow, unsaturated water within the eruption column explains why the process stopped before all the gas had gone. Today, carbon dioxide is once more building up in Lake Nyos and in another nearby lake, Monoun, where a similar but smaller disaster occurred in 1984. The estimates are that Monoun could become unstable again within three to seven years, and Nyos in 20 to 36 years.

Could anything be done to prevent a future disaster? One possible method would be to lower huge pipes from the surface into the lower layers and begin pumping up the gas-rich water.

As it came closer to the surface, an eruption similar to the natural one would occur, throwing a jet of spray into the air. Tests at Lake Monoun show that two modest pipes could de-gas the lake in a year, while at the much larger Lake Nyos as many as 50 pipes might be needed.

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Nigel Hawkes

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Through the smoke screen

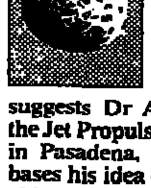
WE all know someone who smokes like a chimney but fails to get lung cancer. Recently published research suggests that an enzyme, a cytochrome known as P450 2DS, may have something to do with it.

Dr Simone Benhamou, of the French National Institute for Health amd Medical Research, compared 130 smokers with cancer with 160 who had not developed the disease. The subjects were divided into groups by the amount they smoked, and their P450 2DS levels were measured.

The results, published in *Cancer Research*, show those with the highest levels of enzyme activity were more at risk from increased smoking.

Why the enzyme has this effect remains uncertain. It may be that it activates the carcinogens in cigarette smoke, but there are undoubtedly many other factors in determining individual risk.

Rubble in the heavens



ASTEROIDS may be Lego-like assemblies held together by nothing more than gravity, suggests Dr Alan Harris of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. He bases his idea on the fact that *although all asteroids rotate*, there seems to be an upper limit in rotation speed.

With James Young he measured the rotation speed of asteroids by observing the pulsations of sunlight reflected off their rough surfaces. None, he found, goes round in less than 2.3 hours.

This cut-off makes sense, he says, if asteroids are really held together by gravity. Any rubble asteroid rotating faster would be torn apart by centrifugal force. The idea is also consistent with the observation that craters caused by asteroid impact on the Moon come in pairs, indicating that an asteroid has fallen apart as it approached.

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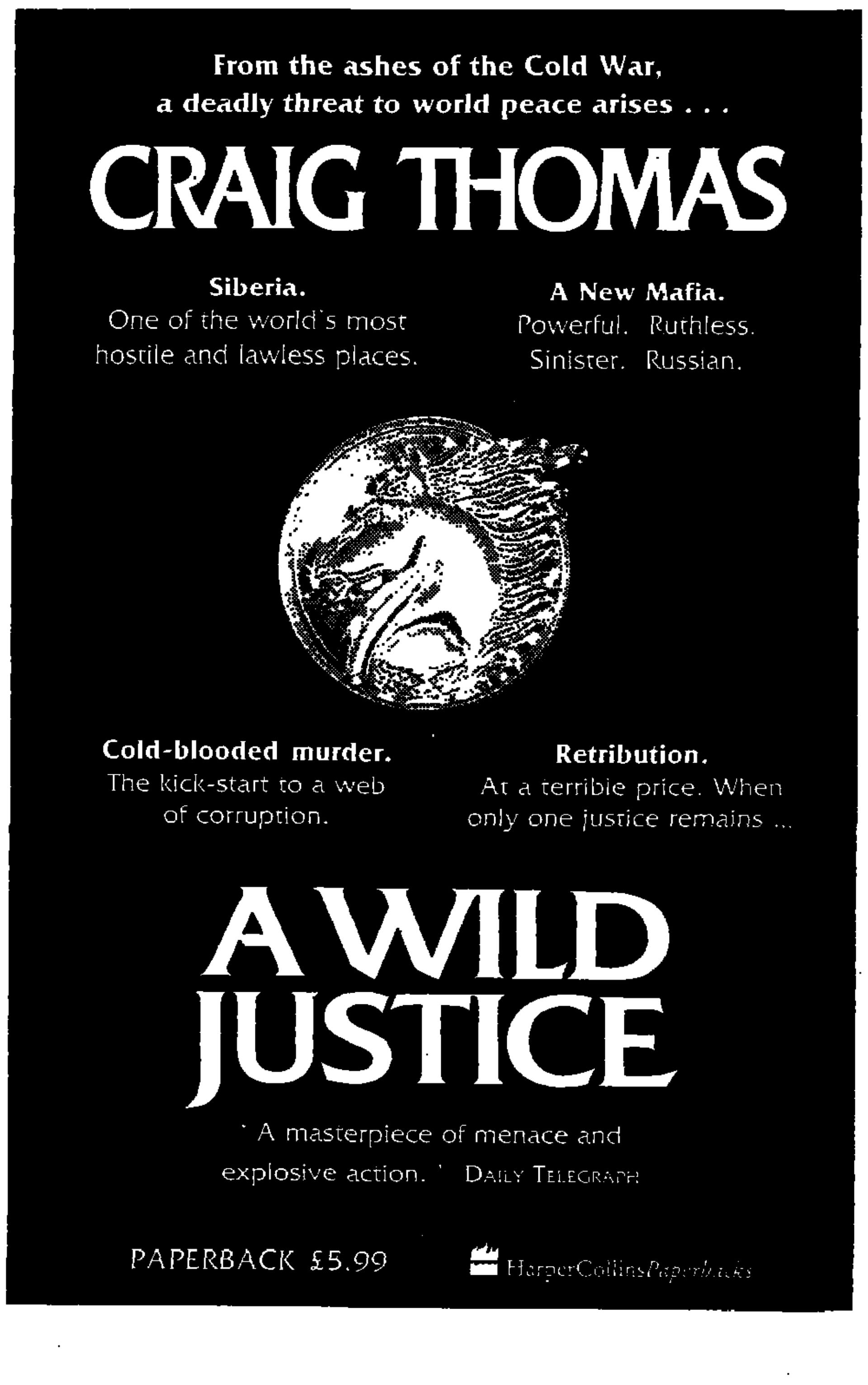

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How my Gordon found his peace

For the first time since Gordon Wilson died, his widow talks of her tragedies. Interview by **Mary Riddell**

A family stricken by grief: Joan Wilson, the widow who watched her husband drive himself beyond endurance, Marie, victim of the IRA, and the peace campaigner Gordon

SHE was still on stage when they told her. The last thin chord was fading, the conductor was walking towards her, and Joan Wilson saw in his eyes a look she had learnt to dread.

And then she was stumbling away from her tinny keyboard, off the makeshift platform, past the choir of girls she taught and the shoppers who had drifted in to hear her concert. *One more tragedy*, she reflected bitterly, played out in the public glare.

"I was taken out through all these people, round the back, into a little office. Everything was swimming and I could not believe what our conductor had told me: 'Joan, something dreadful has happened. Gordon has had a heart attack, and he is dead.' "

But instinctively, she had known. She thought back to the sudden and inexplicable terror which had driven her from the rehearsal room at 11 o'clock that morning — the time her husband, Ireland's greatest peace camapigner, died. And she remembered the Tannoy call minutes before the concert, one of a week-long tour, was due to begin.

They had not told her then, believing it better to let her play. She had no view on that, for by then she was almost past reason. "The police drove me back from Galway to Enniskillen, and all I can *remember* was the speed and the pebbles hitting the side of the car. And the suffocating heat."

It had been freezing outside when almost ten years ago, she held her daughter Marie — murdered by the Enniskillen bombers — in her arms and watched her die. The first snow of winter was falling on the day, 18 months ago, when her only son, Peter, perished in the wreckage of his car.

Now the sun was burning down, and she was going home to bury her husband. "Please don't fret," her only remaining child, Julie Anne, had told her over the phone. "He had a lovely, peaceful death."

Almost a year has passed, and Joan Wilson has not spoken before of her loss. But she has remembered, over and over, every word, every detail, every step up the familiar staircase to the bedroom where he lay.

Ireland had lost a tireless campaigner for peace. She had lost the man who rendered almost bearable the dreadful tragedies their family has had to endure. How could she cope with yet another bereavement? But she knew, when she saw him, that this time it was different.

"He was lying on the bed, with his shoes on and his glasses by his side. He was alone in the house, and it looked as if he had simply fallen asleep. I can't believe I was so cool, but you get a special strength.

"The extraordinary thing was the peace in his face. I was standing there, seeing him dead, but that peaceful atmosphere was all around. It was dreadful to lose him, but it was the sort of death he wanted."

She noticed, when she finally turned away, that he had been working. His diary was neatly filled in, the drawers pulled from his filing cabinet and a few papers scattered around — the last testament to a man who had literally given his life to the peace process.

The truth, as Joan will tell you now, is that Gordon Wilson drove himself to his death at 65. His mission began on November 8, 1987, as he lay buried in rubble and heard his dying *daughter's* words: "Daddy, *I* love you very *much*."

His public forgiveness of the IRA, his book, his work with the young and, later, his duties as an Irish Senator took over his life. Named a Man of the Year, mentioned in the Queen's Christmas broadcast, he moved smoothly among the highest circles and the most ordinary.

'His pace was so hard — I daren't think about it'

The IRA ceasefire came as the final proof that Marie, a 20-year-old nurse, had not died in vain, and Gordon Wilson, exultant, worked on. He was in Dublin when, just before Christmas in 1994, he took the call which signalled the end of his life.

Joan had not phoned at once, for she could not speak or think. She had been in the kitchen, baking queen cakes for her granddaughters, Eloise, 12, and Judith, 11, when their mother, Ingrid, rang. "She said: 'Granny, Peter's had an accident, and he's not very well. He's under a lorry, and there's a policeman with me. Will you talk to him.'

"I dropped the phone, and I ran up the stairs and along the corridor. I tore the place down screaming. Then the minister came, and I said: 'What do you know about Peter?'

"And I knew I was back in the same pattern: begging someone to tell me about another child, just as I had with Marie. We drove to the house, and the wind was moaning, and the little girls were weeping. I said: 'Is he dead?'

"And they told me that he was.

"I had to tell Gordon about Marie. There I was, on the phone, telling him that we had lost another child." At first she was too incoherent for him to unravel *what she was saying*. When he understood, he said simply: "I'll be home."

But the senseless death of his beloved son was too much to bear. Gordon Wilson was to outlive him by only six months.

Joan saw the change from the *outset*. "*He often asked*: 'Why? Why us?' "

The second disaster. The second tragedy, and this time it took its toll. Seeing Ingrid and the little girls wrung his heart, and he threw himself into this whirl of engagements. He didn't stop to think. He didn't want to think.

"He was hardly at home, until I drew the line at him flying off every weekend to work on the peace process. But even so, his pace was so hard that at times I daren't think about it." Did he sacrifice himself by working so hard?

"Without a doubt. We all told him he would kill himself, but it was as if he thought it best to burn out. He gave unstintingly."

President Mary Robinson and his fellow Senators came to mourn him. Joan, as always, did not go to the cemetery. Through all her losses — Marie, Peter, and her *second-born son*, Richard, who lived for only a day — she had never been able to bring herself to stand by their open graves.

But, for the first time, she felt some consolation. "I knew that Gordon was with them, and that was a comfort."

If Gordon Wilson's was a story of courage, then hers is perhaps even more remarkable. Since she married 40 years ago, the life of Joan Wilson, a brilliant violinist and pianist, centred round her family and her teaching.

Shy, private and charming, *she was thrust into a limelight* she never sought. Always gracious, always welcoming, she accepted from the outset she too should make her quieter plea for peace and accept whatever toll it demanded of her.

When Gordon ignored his family's pleas to lessen his workload, she forbore to dictate to him, accepting that if only his own death could assuage his sorrow, he must be free to choose his way.

But his loss left her *desolate*. "Afterwards I was very frail, very scared. Now I was totally on my own, and it was daunting. But I prayed that I would have courage and not be weak and a nuisance to the family. Again and again, I could hear Gor*don saying after the other two* deaths: 'We can't sit around crying. We have to do the best we can.' What I want to do now is to help other people. The longer I live, the more I realise how much people matter.

"I have lovely *memories*, but as the years go by you realise how great the loss is. It never eases. I know one must grieve, and I have the sense to cry now. Sometimes I cry so much I can't talk, but then I'm better afterwards."

Outside, Julie Anne's toddler *sons, Scott and Timothy*, play on the garden slide. Inside stand the silver-framed portraits of the aunt they never knew and the uncle and grandfather they will not remember. But Joan Wilson does not mourn what can never be.

Instead, as the all-party Irish peace talks and the anniversary of her husband's death approach, she prays constantly and believes implacably that the process for which he gave his life will not die with with him.

After the IRA ceasfire *crum*bled and now, as the pressure mounts for its renewal, she longs only to see a country in which no other family is torn apart by violence as hers has been. "I can't bear to see any more suffering. Families have suffered enough."

That freedom from grief was all that Gordon yearned for. And, in the times when sorrow overwhelms her, she thinks back to his fate. She had expected to weep and to rage as she stood by Gordon's deathbed, but the stillness in the *room* restrained her. "*Mission accomplished*," *she told* him softly, knowing that he, who had fought beyond endurance, could at last rest in peace.

Gloria Moss on male and female creativity

Bringing the sexes to book

On Wednesday, *the* winner will be announced of the first all-women prize for fiction, the Orange Prize. At £30,000, this is the richest of English language book prizes. But is it necessary?

Kate Mosse, chairman of *the judges, points* out that only four out of the 30 books shortlisted for Booker in the past five years have been by women, and that the Orange Prize is necessary "to ensure that some superb writers get the attention they deserve". Others insist that women's creativity *is no different from* men's.

Over the past three years, I have been carrying out research, *mostly in* the visual art field, which suggests that there is a well defined male and female aesthetic. Three key points have emerged. First, there are consistent differences in the ways in which men and women (whether adults or children) address a particular design *brief. For* example, male work is more serious, angular and less colourful than female work. There are differences *also in* the choice of subject matter underlying the design, with male work based on inorganic and dynamic objects (such as cars and ships) and on male figures, and female work based on static objects (flowers and houses) and female figures.

Secondly, men and women like different types of design. And thirdly, there is a consistent preference by the two sexes in "blind tests" for work done by their own sex, a sort of "self-selecting" tendency. This has come across in various pieces of research, including a study for New World Cookers. A sample of *children's* cooker designs was shown to employees of the company and there was a *consistent* tendency for the men to prefer the boys' cookers, and women the girls'. This phenomenon is also evident in art and design examination results at school and university. At levels where most of the teachers and examiners are female (as at GCSE and A *level*), *the girls* achieve conspicuously better grades than the boys. At levels where most of the teachers and *examiners* are male (the case at degree level), male students obtain a higher proportion of firsts than the women do.

How far do these findings apply to literature? All existing research suggests a similar pattern.

A writer's gender can usually be guessed from a manuscript

Philippa Harrison, the managing director of Virago, *says: "The average male writ*er tends not to express feelings straight on, but basically suppresses his feelings. Women find it much easier to express their feelings." Carmen Callil comments on "*a very strong* tradition of irony in women's writing" and the fact *that "males take themselves* more seriously than women". She says that the writer's gender can be guessed from an anonymous manuscript in about 90 per cent of cases.

Do men and women like different sorts of books? Maggie Noach, a leading London literary agent, quotes commissioning editors who say: "I want books written for men and books written for women." Patrick Janson-*Smith, who is responsible for* fiction and non-fiction titles at Transworld, one of the world's largest publishers, refers *to male and female mar*kets. "Books by Mary Wesley and stories like that are not flagged for men."

So there is a possibility that men and women may write differently and that they may like different kinds of work. What about our third proposition, namely that men and women are drawn to work by *people of their own sex?* There is some tentative evidence that suggests we are. For example, Jilly Cooper's readers are overwhelmingly female, just as Bret Easton Ellis's are overwhelmingly male. We find this self-selecting tendency even in cases where the *style* is very literary and where the writer's name does not reveal the author's gender. Antonia Byatt, though known only as A.S., has a readership which is 90 per cent female.

Does this say anything about the Booker *Prize? We know that* in the lifetime of the prize there has been a 60/40 split in favour of male judges and a 90/10 *split in favour of male* chairmen, the people who presumably have most influence. Could this be the reason why 66 per cent of the prizewinners have been male?

Women's writing appears, both aesthetically and commercially, to be a category by itself, and a large one — 80 per cent of fiction is bought by women. Furthermore, the unconscious "self-selecting" tendency means that women's writing is much more likely to gain the approval of female judges than of male judges.

If men are left to identify which books are best, there will be an inherent bias against the work of women, in other words against the work which is likely to have most appeal to the majority of readers. That cannot be in the interests of the publishing business.

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Matthew Parris

■ The moral battle to allow gays into the Armed Forces is won. It is now a question of what will work in practice

The result of last Thursday's debate on gays in the Armed Forces was widely reported. The debate itself, however, found little space in the newspapers. This was a pity because, although the result was fairly decisive — 188 MPs voted against relaxing the ban, 120 voted for and some 340 did not vote — the debate itself was less so. Nobody really "won" and interventions yielded confusing signals.

Edwina Currie made a fine speech. Those who deride her should try reading her speeches for their clarity and valour, and the sheer hard graft (in this case with the Stonewall lobbying group's help) she invests in their preparation. But Mrs Currie's was not the only good speech. Dr John Reid, speaking (he said) for Labour members of the Forces Select Committee, was thoughtful, as was the Armed Forces Minister, Nicholas Soames. Few could have resisted the gay lobby with the tact and good nature Mr Soames has brought to the task.

I draw encouragement not from any claim about who "won" on Thursday, but from the remarkably narrow ground on which conservatives in both parties chose to rest their case. No moral reasoning at all was advanced in favour of a ban on gays in the Armed Forces. The case was simple: that current attitudes among servicemen and women were such that to relax the ban on homosexuals now would cause unacceptable discontent.

"We must not in any sense be censorious," said a Conservative, John Wilkinson, but "members [of the Armed Forces] did not want any change." In other words, Mr Wilkinson wanted to uphold the ban not because he was censorious, or thought others should be, but because it was a fact that many members of the Armed Forces were censorious. Note: MPs were placing themselves at one remove from the opinions of the Armed Forces by arguing that we should respect the strength with which these opinions were held.

Labour's Dr Reid became rather mysterious on this, when he concluded: "Prejudice is no ground on its own for the continuation of past practice, but nor can practical problems be wished away." It was the practical problems, he seemed to suggest, which justified continuing past practice.

But (unless I mistake his argument) Dr Reid believes the practical problems arise from prejudice. And surely he is right: practical problems can. Powerful prejudice, widely shared, can be a practical problem: a fact, and one which employers should not overlook. In a close-knit organisation such as an army, it may be especially necessary to acknowledge this. I do not agree with Sir Ian McKellen that the opinions of servicemen should not even be sought, though Sir Ian is right — crusty old military traditionalist that he is — to raise an eyebrow at any implication that the Army is some sort of workers' co-operative in which management questions are decided democratically.

We should bite this bullet. If a prejudice among soldiers runs so deep and wide that to ignore it is seriously to undermine morale, then it may have to be respected. That is the implication of Dr Reid's speech and it is surely right.

Avoiding sex, let me choose, for a hypothetical example, quite another area of prejudice to demonstrate Reid's and Soames's argument. Suppose there was a frightful hatred of Spaniards among service personnel, but some servicemen (thought British) were of partly Spanish descent. Were morale sufficiently threatened, it might be right to ban these people from serving in the Armed Forces and, if some were found to be concealing their Spanish ancestry, to root them out and sack them. Whether or not this was justified would depend not on whether the prejudice was justified — plainly it would not be — but upon how much trouble disregarding it would cause. One would not, in upholding the anti-Hispanic ban, be condoning the prejudice: just acknowledging its strength. It would be a practical problem, of the kind Dr Reid is right to remind us about.

If prejudice among soldiers runs so deep and wide, it may have to be respected

Those who believe that the case against homosexuality in the Armed Forces includes a moral one had their chance to state that view in Thursday's debate. Not a single speaker did. Nobody in the Government ever has. Both sides in the debate rested their case on what is really a quantitative judgment: just how much trouble would a relaxation of the ban cause in practice?

It was upon precisely this question that the controversy about allowing blacks to serve alongside whites in the US military turned and, in the end, Washington took the view that the fuss about integration would die down and that white soldiers would get used to blacks. They were right. In the controversy about gays, Westminster has taken the opposite view. I think MPs are wrong, but that is a matter of judgment. It turns upon assessment of a changing picture: attitudes among service people. The assessment is not of what military personnel prefer, but what they will wear.

MPs are free to reassess and will do so in a few years. The moral argument is over, the practical argument close to being won.

Ian Hargreaves is in the great tradition of *New Statesman* editors — and the glory days are returning

Required reading for new Labour

William Rees-Mogg

During the war, when I was at school and afterwards when I was either doing National Service or was at Oxford, I was a regular, though dissenting, reader of the *New Statesman*. In those years, in which the ideas of the Left were dominant, Kingsley Martin's *New Statesman* was the political weekly in which they were best argued. I went on reading the *New Statesman* under the editorships of John Freeman, Paul Johnson, Richard Crossman and Anthony Howard. It remained an interesting weekly, but the ideas were losing their momentum. After that the magazine fell into a black hole and I stopped reading it — perhaps I bought an issue once every three years, to see whether it was still being published.

As the *New Statesman* fell, *The Spectator* rose. I had been a regular reader during the 1950s and 1960s in the golden editorships of Ian Gilmour, Iain Macleod and Nigel Lawson. After that I lapsed, but Alexander Chancellor brought me back. He had the light touch; every editor of a weekly needs the skill of a pastry cook and Alexander's *Spectator* melted in the mouth. He was succeeded by Charles Moore, who made it the necessary reading of the intellectual Right, by Dominic Lawson and now by Frank Johnson.

As the Conservatives went into their prolonged decline, a deathbed scene as protracted as that of Deng Xiaoping, *The Spectator* became a critic of the Government, but still had the more interesting ideas. Frank Johnson himself is rather sympathetic to John Major, for reasons which escape me and sometimes escape him, but allows his contributors, including Paul Johnson, to growl like true Tory lions. The modern *Spectator* resembles nothing so much as Trafalgar Square, with the Editor on top of his column and the lions around the base.

On Friday nights I usually catch the Bath train at Paddington station, a nostalgic experience which I must have enjoyed more than a thousand times. I usually buy the same set of magazines, *The Spectator* itself, *Country Life* — if I had the money I would, like the great Lord Curzon, collect country houses — *The Economist*, if I want to settle in for a good boring read.

Two weeks ago I was sent a copy of the first issue of the new *New Statesman* under the editorship of Ian Hargreaves. Last Friday, though I happened to be going to Exeter rather than Bath, I made my usual visit to Paddington station. I added the second Hargreaves issue of the *New Statesman* to my list, and I expect to be reading it regularly from now on.

As against *The Spectator* it has one great disadvantage, and one great advantage. The disadvantage is that the *New Statesman* has never been edited by Alexander Chancellor. He made *The Spectator* more of a cocktail party than a political party, a party of lively minds. After two weeks, Ian Hargreaves's *New Statesman* is still rather doughy, but that is unavoidable. It takes time to assemble the varied talents which make a weekly fun to read.

The *New Statesman's* real advantage is that its ideas have the smell of power. *The Spectator* could commission an article about the future of the health service, which might make interesting policy recommendations. That would not be quite unreadable, but it would be easy to set aside for reading later.

However good the ideas were, no one would expect the Government to put them into effect before the general election, or to be in a position to put them into effect after it. If the *New Statesman* were to commission an article on the same subject, that would mean much more. Clearly Tony Blair reads the *New Statesman*, as do the brighter of his colleagues. A good new idea could flourish in that receptive soil.

Ian Hargreaves does, therefore, have an exceptional journalistic opportunity and an enviable one. If he succeeds, his magazine will be the arena of intellectual debate for the government which will probably make the next set of big decisions for Britain. From the first two issues under his editorship, I think he is going to take this opportunity. He has already started to attack some of the big issues: Labour's position on Europe and on public spending, the future of welfare and, most interestingly, what might be called the Rohatyn heresy.

Felix Rohatyn is a Democrat of the Democrats, and a Wall Streeter of Wall Street. He is chairman of Lazard Frères and has been a very large fundraiser. When Tony Blair recently visited the United States, Henry Kissinger invited Rohatyn to breakfast with him. The day they met, *The Wall Street Journal* published a major piece by Rohatyn called "Recipe for Growth". This piece has been a bombshell for the Democrats because it conflicts with the liberal orthodoxy of their party policy, though it would not have surprised President Kennedy. Yet, as Rohatyn told the *New Statesman*, "no major country can escape the consequences of the changes I write about. It applies to all."

The Rohatyn view — which is similar to the argument I have put, based on the experience of Hong Kong — is that economic growth is the condition of social improvement.

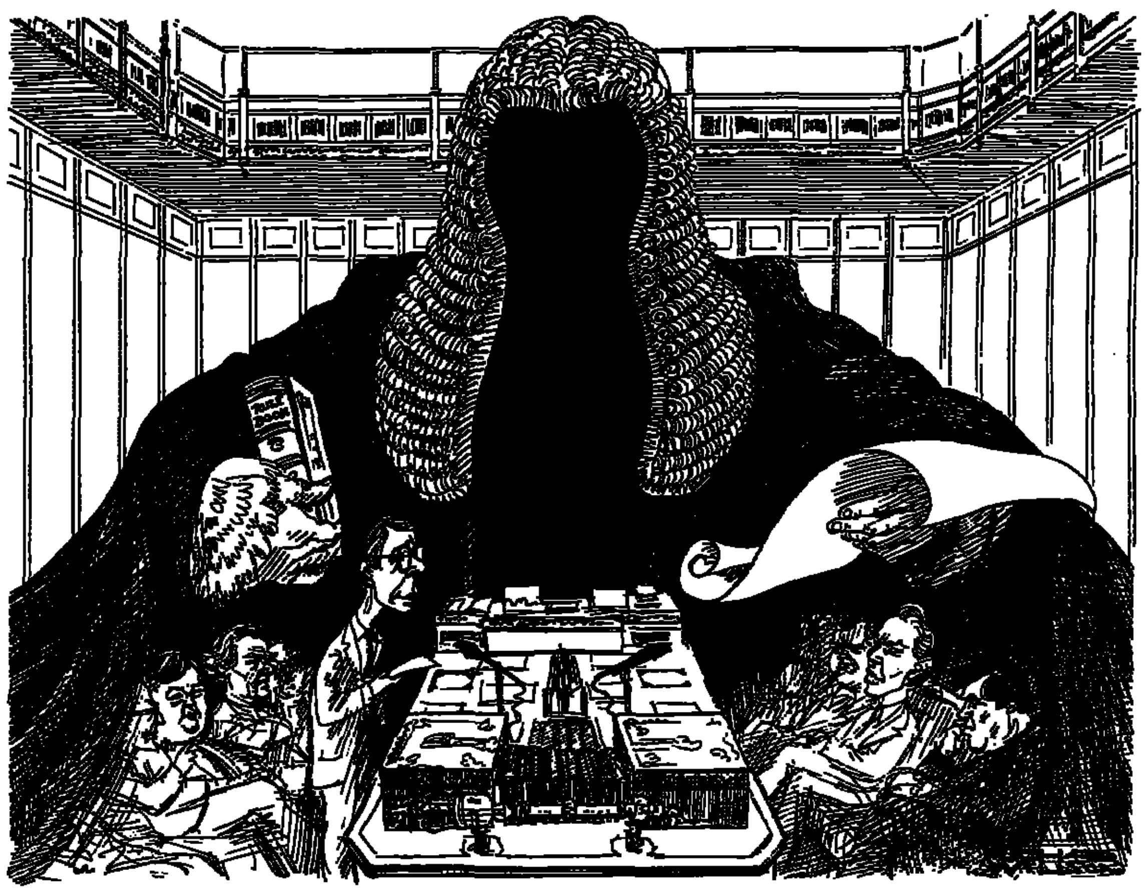
The *New Statesman* summarises the central themes of what must seem a heresy to modern left-wing parties, Democrats or Labour. "It is no longer possible to obtain a 'fair' distribution of wealth through a redistributed tax system: no government can substantially reduce the widening differentials between incomes; capital must be taxed more lightly to encourage investment; social security systems should be privatised; the main parties of the Left and Right should agree on the basics of what is required for their economies to be dynamic and still supporters of the less able."

As a good Editor, Ian Hargreaves invited John Eatwell, who is to be the president of Queens' College, Cambridge, to reply to Rohatyn in the following issue. Eatwell agrees with one of Rohatyn's themes — "fairness does not require the redistribution but the creation of wealth, geared to an economy that can provide employment for everyone willing and able to work". However, Eatwell does not accept the argument that modern technology has a much more unequal pattern of skills than the mass-production technology of the mid-20th century and will, therefore, create greater inequality. He believes that growth will reduce inequality, where Rohatyn and I would expect it only to improve minimum standards while creating a new and large crop of exceptionally rich people. In my view, we need the rich to do the saving that society is unwilling to do for itself.

This is a splendid debate for Labour to be having — a real debate about the global, economic and social issues. Tony Blair is said to have been very impressed about the Rohatyn article. The new *New Statesman* is already proving an important ally in Tony Blair's campaign to develop the ideas of the new Labour Party. It is also encouragingly ecumenical — we are all to be allowed to join in the debate. There is even an article by Richard Addis, the very intelligent but distinctly right-wing new Editor of the *Daily Express*, on the political attitudes of the Tory press. We are all again going to have to read the *New Statesman*. The glory days have not fully returned, but I think they are coming back. And Ian Hargreaves is a much nicer man than Kingsley Martin ever was.

Cabinets, codes and the courts

Politicians must obey rules which call into question our unwritten constitution



RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Britain no longer has an unwritten constitution. The framework of a written constitution is being created: the rulebook for ministers was first published in 1992 and is now being re-examined, a more comprehensive code for civil servants came into operation in January, and MPs have faced tighter restrictions on their outside interests since last month. But because this process has been piecemeal, there are no clear principles of accountability and no agreement on who should safeguard the new written rules.

These changes have attracted far less attention than the debate over centralisation of power in Whitehall under the Tories, or the sweeping plans for constitutional reform of Charter 88 and the opposition parties. Yet they are as significant, in the long term, in moving Britain's political culture away from informal understandings and precedents to a more formal system of rules.

The impetus for change has come from the managerial revolution in Whitehall, notably the creation of "Next Steps" executive agencies to run large areas of administration. The Major Government has paradoxically accelerated the process by its moves towards openness, while the Nolan and Scott inquiries have highlighted flaws in this piecemeal approach. The implications are now being examined by the Public Service Committee of the Commons.

The Government has sought to be organisationally radical but constitutionally conservative. However, in the process of defining where accountability lies when managerial responsibility is delegated to agencies, ministers have failed to offer satisfactory answers. Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, has argued that, while ministers are accountable to Parliament for everything done by their officials, they cannot be held responsible for actions which they neither authorised nor knew about.

This distinction sounds neat and is, in part, intended to counter kneejerk demands for resignations whenever something goes wrong. But it can be distorted into a doctrine of ministerial irresponsibility. Ministers under pressure, as Michael Howard has been over prisons, invoke a division between policy, for which they are responsible, and operations, for which the chief executive of an agency is. While it is obviously daft to blame Mr Howard every time a prisoner escapes, there is no clear-cut distinction between policy and operations.

The issue came to a head over the sacking last October of Derek Lewis as head of the Prison Services Agency. But if the heads of agencies are to take the blame in such cases, should they also, as Mr Lewis believes, be allowed to explain themselves more fully to Parliament? The First Division Association, representing senior civil servants, has been considering whether officials should be allowed to be accountable for their actions and not just give evidence to select committees on behalf of ministers — though policy advice would remain confidential.

Parallel problems arise over the conduct of ministers. Many of the most forceful criticisms in the Scott report were over breaches of "Questions of Procedure for Ministers" (QPM). Until May 1992, this was a classified Cabinet Office document and little discussed, but it has since become, in the words of Professor Peter Hennessy, "the crucial and acknowledged instrument of decency and proper procedure at the apex of the political and governmental system". That is more than was intended when it was declassified, but Nolan and Scott have elevated its public status. Yet its key section on openness is full of let-out clauses. No one disputes that some defence and security matters should not have to be disclosed to Parliament. But who is to judge what they are, and what the public interest is?

In the past, the Prime Minister, Cabinet Secretary and Chief Whip have all been involved in examining breaches of QPM by ministers. This has landed Sir Robin Butler in unwanted political controversy as he was forced to appear the virtual guarantor of Jonathan Aitken's integrity over allegations about a Paris hotel bill. This put Sir Robin in the embarrassing position of investigator rather than the Prime Minister's main adviser. But the Government rejected Nolan's suggestion that the Prime Minister should determine whether or not ministers have upheld the standards in QPM, since that would make him "invigilator and judge" of his ministerial colleagues.

This position is unsustainable. Most private-sector and professional bodies now accept the principle of external, independent audit of their ethical rules. The Government has already accepted that the Civil Service Commissioners should deal with complaints by civil servants about their code, while a Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards has been created to act as a preliminary investigator of alleged breaches of rules by MPs.

This is similar to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration — the Ombudsman who investigates maladministration and now monitors open government — and the Comptroller and Auditor-General who examines government accounts. All are accountable to Commons committees. I believe a similar figure is now needed to investigate breaches of QPM by ministers and to advise where the public interest lies. A prime minister would still decide whether he had confidence in a minister.

A version of this idea was suggested to Nolan by Vernon Bogdanor, the constitutional writer, and was endorsed last week by Sir Richard Scott in evidence to the Public Services Committee. Sir Richard has become a constitutional radical who favours a Freedom of Information Act. This would, crucially, shift issues of ministerial accountability and openness into the courts. Then we would really have a written constitution.

But it is already too late to return to the "good chaps know how to behave" approach. British politicians will increasingly have to operate by formal rules.

THE TIMES DIARY

Clap Happy

WITH stories raging about his awkward relationship with the Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown, Peter Mandelson, Labour MP for Hartlepool, spent Friday and Saturday whooping it up in Prague. He was at the launch of the New Atlantic Initiative, a beano for Europe's Thatcherite aristocracy.

During a speech by Baroness Thatcher, the vulpine Mandelson found himself on the horns of a dilemma. Should he join the adoring crowd in standing to applaud the former Prime Minister?

Not even the iron rod of Blair's leadership would be able to contain the inevitable rumpus from Labour's Left which would greet such a deed.

Ever the good new Labourite, however, Mandelson was equally keen not to seem ungenerous or overly critical towards the speaker. Typically, he reached a good Blairite compromise. In a sea of standing, cheering, shiny-suited Eastern European capitalists, Mandelson alone stayed seated, clapping nonetheless.

Notably absent from the shindig was Henry Kissinger, the former American Secretary of State and admirer of the female form. He, more than Mandelson, would have appreciated the stunning conference hostesses. The Czechs, it turns out, had plundered their top modelling agency for the occasion.

● *GLOOMY omens for Railtrack's privatisation. The closing date for share applications is Wednesday, but in a large advertisement placed in* The Guardian *on Saturday, Railtrack boomed "Two days to go". By yesterday they were back on schedule, announcing in* The Guardian's *sister paper,* The Observer: *"Three days to go".*

Curried

POOR Bill Cash, arch Euro-sceptic and MP for Stafford. He cannot find anyone to climb into the sandpit with him for a debate on Europe. On yesterday morning's *Breakfast with Frost*, he was looking forward to a hair-pulling session with Edwina Currie, Europhile and MP for Derbyshire South. No dice.

"Currie backed out on Friday," moaned Cash. "The Europhiles are ducking the debate and my position is being censored."

"I could not do the show because it was my husband's birthday on Saturday," said Currie yesterday afternoon, still a little woolly from the night before. "Anyway," she said, "I have begun to turn down invitations to debate Euro-sceptic colleagues because the story which emerges is never about Europe but about rifts in the Tory party."

Currie, who chairs the Conservative Group for Europe and ran for a seat in the European Parliament, added: "I have been on television several times with John Redwood, but frankly I have much better things to do on a Sunday morning than talk with Bill Cash." *Tiens.*

● *WITH the BBC already under siege for pruning* Thought for The Day's *contributors' list, its religious broadcasting section has taken another blow. Mike Wooldridge, religious affairs correspondent for the past six years, is on the move. Wooldridge, an Anglican, is off to far less sticky ground as the BBC's man in Delhi.*

Blowing hot

AS elections loom for him in November, President Clinton has resurrected one of his best campaign gimmicks: the saxophone. In a terrific poll-boosting manoeuvre in 1992, Clinton put on a pair of sunglasses and tooted his sax on a popular television chat show. The routine was often repeated through the campaign and in the early months of Clinton's presidency. Since then, however, the first horn has lain unblown.

Last week, however, Clinton was driving between fundraising events in New Jersey when he halted his cavalcade to greet a small band of supporters.

One of the crowd of 20 or so offered the President a saxophone. In one of those defining moments, Clinton hesitated, took it, and played a selection of Dave Brubeck tunes. According to the White House, we can confidently "expect to see the saxophone appearing often during the campaign".

Cool: President Clinton

● *SHORTLIST time in Mid-Norfolk, a new seat, where they are in the process of selecting a Conservative candidate to fight the next election. Heading the final six is Conal Gregrory, 49, Master Vintner, food writer and MP for York from 1983 until he lost his seat in 1992. Two other Lazarene contenders are Paul Howell and Bill Newton-Dunn, both former MEPs who lost their seats in 1992 and are now trying to revive their careers with a crack at Westminster. Howell may have the edge. His father, Sir Ralph Howell, has been Conservative MP for neighbouring North Norfolk since 1970.*

Last walk

CIRCUSES are suddenly much greyer places. The last of the Great Wallendas is dead. With the death of Helen Wallenda, wife of the legendary tightrope-walker Karl, the last flicker of the century's greatest circus family has gone out.

Mrs Wallenda's life was never short on drama. Having experienced the death of her brother-in-law Willi, blown off course while performing a high-wire bicycle act, she then saw her son-in-law killed and her adopted son paralysed for life when the Wallendas' famed seven-person high-wire pyramid collapsed in 1962.

In 1963, her sister-in-law fell to her death while performing a pole-balancing act in Omaha, and in 1972 her son-in-law died in similar circumstances. Having been near-fatally trampled when a fire erupted in a Big Top in Connecticut in 1944, she survived to see her husband fall off a high wire in Puerto Rico and die in 1978. After so action-packed a life, she died peacfully in Florida.

Unlucky: The Wallendas

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PREMIER DIVISIONS

The Times Good University Guide begins today

Quality will out. Although this Government sought to enhance the prestige of all higher education institutions by abolishing the division between universities and polytechnics, new divisions have emerged. Our report on page 1 that some foreign countries will recognise qualifications only from a premier league of British universities demonstrates how hollow the claims to homogeneity are. Pupils and parents need help when so many institutions of such widely varying quality are soliciting applicants.

Until recently there was no authoritative guide to the relative quality of universities and their departments. Applicants had to rely on an inadequate stew of rumour, parental memories and teachers' advice. The expansion of higher education made selection even more of a lottery. Competition has become even fiercer for entry to the higher education super league which appears to be emerging. That is why the publication, this week, of *The Times*'s fifth *Good University Guide* is so valuable. The *Guide*'s conclusions now take account of official assessments of teaching quality drawn up for the higher education funding bodies. Complemented by figures compiled by the Higher Education Statistics Agency, it should be invaluable for anyone trying to make sense of the university system.

Extracts from the *Guide* will be published over the next five days and it will soon be available in paperback from Times Books. It is more than a dry collection of tables. In choosing where to study, applicants will want to weigh the merits of a collegiate system against a modern campus and consider whether a thriving club scene or access to the hills matters more. The *Guide* provides an insight into every aspect of student life. It will allow a judgment to be made on grounds which are not just academic. Nevertheless, the main purpose of university is the pursuit of learning and the *Guide* should help pupils to aim at realistic targets and ignore fashion to find out which establishments enjoy the best ratings in their subjects. Many universities are centres of excellence in certain fields and the *Guide* shows which establishments shine in which areas.

There are pockets of achievement across the country but, as the Governments of Malaysia and Singapore realise, there are certain universities which score well in almost every area. The development of a de facto Ivy League on the American model may alarm idealistic egalitarians. But it is probably the best guarantee of excellence. It would be naive to expect every higher education body to conform to one idea of a university. Some universities are ill-equipped to compete for research funds or the best students. There is no disgrace, indeed good reason, in their specialising in studies which are more explicitly vocational but not professional, or simply those which are less intellectually demanding.

Allowing a premier league to develop will ensure that liberal learning, the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, survives. Some higher education bodies are diluting what is distinctive about the British university tradition by providing "foundation" courses for students not yet equipped for undergraduate study. Mass-production methods such as large-scale lecturing, more common on the Continent, are displacing smaller seminar-style teaching. There are also suggestions that degree quality is being debased. By acknowledging, indeed encouraging, an elite which cleaves to traditional methods, the excellence which attracts students from the world over can best be preserved.

VISITE CORDIALE

Chirac's instincts have much in common with the British mood

Jacques Chirac arrives in Britain tomorrow with a spring in his step. At home, he has begun to recover the political ground lost during the winter, when France erupted in street battles over tough welfare reforms and spending cuts and the Elysée appeared to have nothing to say in response. After a difficult year in which broken electoral promises lay all around him and he seemed not so much to be settling into the presidency as trying to reinvent it, he has developed a confidently informal style as the leader who really listens to his countrymen — and they in turn are learning to love him for it.

Abroad, M Chirac has begun to articulate a highly interventionist neo-Gaullist policy with an energy and audacity all his own. He has taken care to describe these policies as the natural product of France's "great ambitions in and for Europe", stressing that they are entirely consistent with France's commitment to a common EU foreign and security policy. His European partners might beg to differ, since he gave them no prior notice of his decision to resume nuclear tests, infuriated nine of them by refusing to apply the Schengen agreement on border controls and thoroughly upset Germany by announcing the overdue decision to streamline the French Armed Forces and make them professional. He is too astute a political player not to know that what makes these initiatives so popular in France is that they mark his determination to "recover France's sovereign margin of manoeuvre".

He visits Britain, therefore, as a politician whose instincts have much in common with this country's mood. He also comes as a friend, a Frenchman for whom the Anglo-Saxon world has never been hostile territory. At his request this will be as much a working visit as a formal state occasion, and that too is a welcome change.

There is genuine warmth in his relationship with John Major, accentuated by his gratitude for Britain's tactful handling of France's nuclear tests. The two countries' thinking on defence, reinforced by the development of what has come to seem to be a natural military partnership in support of shared global interests, has never been more compatible. Britain and France are some way from agreement on the future shape of Europe; France claims, for example, to be committed to "deepening" European integration before new members can be admitted. But M Chirac has insisted that Europe cannot be built without Britain and so without an effort to understand Britain's "specific problems" with European federalism.

With these "problems" M Chirac's France can, for all the continued importance to Paris of its key relationship with Bonn, broadly identify. On a Europe of nation-states, the only real difference between France and Britain is that Britain can state frankly what France must, with its eye on Chancellor Kohl, seek to finesse at least until monetary union — which in French eyes means escaping the tutelage of the Bundesbank — is securely in the bag.

But this French balancing act presents obvious problems for Franco-British entente. The problem over timing is that the inter-governmental conference ends before the decision is due on a starting date for EMU. Germany expects France to do its duty by political union and it will take all the legendary manipulative skills of French diplomacy to manufacture a document that satisfies German demands without tying Paris — and Britain — down.

The problem of substance is that France must travel further down the deficit-cutting track in order to qualify for EMU. As it struggles to fit into the Maastricht straitjacket, the French Government is eyeing Britain's freedom to adjust its exchange rates and monetary policies with an envy bordering on hostility.

M Chirac is therefore likely to press Mr Major hard to agree to French demands that if Britain declines to participate in EMU, it will re-enter a binding exchange-rate mechanism which would rule out "competitive devaluation". Were the positions reversed, France would not even contemplate such a course. It would be wholly contrary to its national interest. Mr Major must find an emollient way of saying just that. Friends should be able to differ; and Britain and France are fast learning to be friends again.

DON'T MISS THE BUS

New tracks are opening for British trainspotters

Railway enthusiasts took a special break over the weekend at the Sidings Hotel beside the main line at York. As we report on page 9, they exchanged their customary windy platforms for Pullman luxury. Thermoses of tea and sandwiches wrapped in greaseproof paper for candlelit dinner. And all day and night they enjoyed a constant procession of 225s, high-speed trains and all the other classes, names and numbers of locomotive.

Towards the end of this century some of the romance has gone out of trains. It is difficult to imagine Auden rattling on about the Night Mail crossing the Border today, or Whitman addressing a poem to a locomotive as "fierce-throated beauty". A French decadent of the school of Huysmans would find it impossible to ask "Where is there a woman whose form is more splendid than that of a locomotive?" without being suspected of chauvinism or irony. This decline in railway glamour is partly a case of familiarity and incomprehensible platform announcements breeding contempt. Diesels and electric locomotives have a less sparky life than their steam predecessors. And trainspotting has a downmarket image of cloth caps. Whereas fathers once took their sons to watch the trains, now the fathers go alone with their nostalgia. After a generation of British Rail, the only wonder the young find in trains is wondering how late they will run.

Nevertheless, up at the end of the line to King's Cross and up the Metropolitan Line to Wembley, new life was stirring in the old English hobby of sighting rareties and collecting. The coach and bus spotting society were out in force for the Cup Final. Northern coaches seldom spotted south of Watford had driven down the M6 from Manchester and Liverpool. Privatised coaches display a great variety of liveries, and new registration numbers are added to them every year. Unlike the railways, coaches constantly parade new rolling-stock. The intricate codes of coach marques and timetables can be satisfactorily cracked and recorded by the thoroughly modern spotter with his personal computer.

So we all hope that reprivatisation of the railways may bring the old romance and reliability back for travellers up the East Coast main line, looking out at the finest cathedrals in Britain. But it may also bring relief and variety back for those who sit at ease in the sidings to spot the trains go by.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Investigation of police complaints

From Mr Christopher Price

Sir, In recent years the Government has followed good management practice in devolving responsibility, including that for disciplinary decisions, to those who manage the various public agencies. The exception is the police.

Metropolitan Police officers are alone in being protected by both a "reasonable doubt" test of proof in disciplinary cases and a final appeal, when all else fails, to a Home Secretary who all too often overrules the Commissioner.

The recent escalation in damages identified by Mr Sadiq Khan (letter, May 7) is a function of what has become virtual police officer immunity from disciplinary sanction in the aftermath of juries finding against them in civil cases and of well-publicised miscarriages of justice. As long as police officers are seen to have this unique employment protection privilege, substantial awards of damages should continue.

If Sir Paul Condon really wants the Court of Appeal to moderate damages against his force (report, May 7), he should make greater efforts to ensure that his officers are properly and publicly disciplined when citizens are illegally assaulted.

Actions against the Metropolitan Police stem partly from an ineffective police complaints system but mainly from a chronic inability by successive Commissioners to discipline offending officers and a persistent refusal to apologise to injured parties.

Yours truly,
CHRISTOPHER PRICE,
9 Pickwick Road, SE21.
May 7.

From the Acting Chairman of the Police Complaints Authority

Sir, Solicitor Sadiq Khan criticises this authority for refusing to reopen the inquiry into Kenneth Hsu's complaint against the police.

Mr Hsu did complain, and his case would have been investigated. However, on Mr Khan's advice, he decided not to co-operate with the complaints inquiry. This made it impossible to conduct a meaningful investigation.

As a result, the authority had no alternative but to grant the police a dispensation from the need to pursue the matter, in accordance with regulations approved by Parliament.

While the courts have decided that we do not have the legal power to reopen a complaint once it has been dispensed with, I have to say that a reopening of the investigation would not have been justified after a delay of nearly four years.

In a 1988 judicial review (*Regina v Police Complaints Authority, Ex-parte Ronald F. Broome*) Lord Justice Bingham ruled that the complaints and civil processes are separate and that complaints must not be subordinated to civil actions.

In 1994 the House of Lords accepted our view that both the police and plaintiffs should have equal access to any complaints inquiry evidence in order to pursue civil actions.

Unlike Mr Khan, many solicitors now advise clients to co-operate with the complaints system, since this may provide the evidence needed to bring a successful civil action, at less cost to public funds. It is not surprising, therefore, that our ever-increasing workload does not support Mr Khan's claim that the public are deserting the complaints system in favour of legal action.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MOORHOUSE,
Acting Chairman,
Police Complaints Authority,
10 Great George Street, SW1.
May 9.

From Mr David Wolfson

Sir, Mr Sadiq Khan justifies the award to his client of £220,000 for wrongful assault and false imprisonment, including £200,000 of exemplary damages, on the grounds that the jury wanted "to send a message" to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

Mr Khan does not address the fundamental objection to Mr Hsu personally receiving such a large sum as exemplary damages. Mr Hsu should receive an award of damages designed to compensate him for the injuries he sustained.

However, an award of exemplary damages, which is punitive and not compensatory in nature, should be paid, like any other fine, to the State. Exemplary damages should be paid so as to punish the wrongdoer, not to provide an unjustified windfall to the victim.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID WOLFSON,
3 Gray's Inn Place,
Gray's Inn, WC1.
May 7.

Royal wave

From Mr D. Greg Castel

Sir, Only recently has it registered on my consciousness that below the High Tides table you publish daily there appears the caveat "Crown copyright reserved".

Does this date from the time of King Canute?

Yours faithfully,
D. G. CASTEL,
Flat 20a,
151 Wyndford Road, Glasgow.
May 8.

Overfishing threat to food supply

From the Executive Director of Greenpeace UK and others

Sir, Numbers of most North Sea commercial fish species, including cod, herring and plaice, are now well below the levels considered biologically safe. Political inertia and a failure to reconcile differences between science and policy have ultimately led to North Sea fish stocks being in a perilous state.

Yet astonishingly the largest single fishery in the North Sea, the "industrial fishery" for sand eels, is almost unregulated. No catch limits are set and the tiny net mesh sizes allow almost nothing to pass.

Sand eels form a major part of this fishery, which accounts for over half the total fish taken from the North Sea. Sand eels are at the base of the food chain and would usually be food for seabirds, including puffins and gannets; marine mammals, including whales and seals, and most of the commercial fish species humans eat.

By denying these species their food source we further endanger our own future food supplies, the survival of local fishing communities and the North Sea marine environment.

We call on the Government to push for emergency measures at the next meeting of EU fisheries ministers, scheduled for mid-June. While we welcome the UK Fisheries Minister's earlier initiative to propose North Sea-wide catch limits for sand eels, emergency measures must also call for special regulations for sensitive areas within the sand-eel industrial fishery.

These initiatives would be in line with the Government's declared opposition to unregulated industrial fishing.

Yours sincerely,
PETER MELCHETT
(Executive Director, Greenpeace UK),
INDRANI LUTCHMAN
(Fisheries Officer, WWF),
ALASTAIR SOMMERVILLE
(Head of Conservation,
Scottish Wildlife Trust),
GRAHAM WYNNE
(Director of Conservation, RSPB).
Greenpeace,
Canonbury Villas, N1.
May 12.

Press in Nigeria

From Mr I. T. Robbins

Sir, It is to be hoped that Michael Binyon's damning report on Nigeria (May 3) was read in particular by people at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and by the directors of Shell UK.

Since seizing power in November 1993 General Sani Abacha's regime has systematically stifled what was a vibrant and self-confident press. In June 1994 the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists wrote to Abacha deploring the detention of journalists and the closure of major publications as clearly in violation of the provisions of Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The situation now is of course much worse.

If only the leaders of the "free world" had shown a fraction of the commitment and courage displayed by Nigeria's journalists in their fight for democracy over 100 million people might not be suffering the despair and degradation of a life without hope.

Yours faithfully,
TOM ROBBINS
(Personal assistant to
Chief M. K. O. Abiola, 1993-95),
12 Sneyd Hall Road,
Bloxwich, Staffordshire.
May 8.

Estonian arms denial

From the Chargé d'Affaires for Estonia, a.i.

Sir, Your Defence Correspondent ("Russian spies step up watch on British firms", May 7) quotes Russian security sources as saying that the IRA has been using front companies in Estonia to buy arms. One of the mediators is described as "an Estonian extremist organisation called Kajtselite".

Kaitseliit is a voluntary territorial defence force of Estonian citizens whose functions and obligations are entrenched in the Estonian Constitution. As an integral part of Estonia's defence forces Kaitseliit is at all times under careful governmental scrutiny and thus cannot be engaged in any illegal arms sales, which contravene Estonia's international obligations.

Accusations of illegal arms transit via Estonia, whether to the IRA or any other terrorist organisations, remain completely unfounded. Estonia does not have an arms industry and has never permitted the illegal transit of arms through its territory.

The Republic of Estonia has also repeatedly condemned and opposed the use of terrorism anywhere. Consequently, Estonia has always been ready to co-operate with counter-terrorist agencies of all interested countries, including Russia.

Yours faithfully,
PEEP JAHILO,
Chargé d'Affaires *a.i.*,
Embassy of the Republic of Estonia,
16 Hyde Park Gate, SW7.
May 9.

Food safety risks

From Dr Dennis V. Parke

Sir, May I comment on the letter from Dr André Menache (May 7) in which he refers to the "scientific impossibility" of proving food safety for human beings from evidence based on animal experiments.

For fifty years or more rapeseed oil was regarded as much too toxic for human consumption as it caused disastrous fatalities when fed to turkeys and mink in the US. Now that rape has been genetically selected to have a lower erucic acid content — a fatty acid that results in heart disease, liver cancer and death — it is widely used in cattle feed and in the production of other foods for human consumption. Most safety evaluation studies of the new rape were conducted in rats, a species not susceptible to erucic acid toxicity. Hence, safety for humans is still unproven.

In 1983 hundreds of people in Spain died after consuming adulterated rapeseed oil, fraudulently marketed as olive oil, and thousands became chronically ill. This adulterated rapeseed oil was not toxic to rats, which baffled many toxicologists (WHO, 1984). In view of these findings, and the more recent problems with BSE, CJD and cattle feed, I prefer the far superior flavours of grass-fed beef, dairy butter, and virgin olive oil.

Yours sincerely,
DENNIS V. PARKE,
University of Surrey,
School of Biological Sciences,
Guildford, Surrey.
May 8.

MPs and privilege

From Mr Andrew M. Smith

Sir, Your report, "Lawyers warn MPs against tampering with privilege" (May 8), suggests that if MPs are permitted to waive privilege in order to sue for libel, journalists should be allowed to sue an MP for remarks made in the House of Commons.

Judges, lawyers and witnesses enjoy absolute privilege in respect of statements made in court at trial, but there is nothing to prevent them from bringing actions for libel. A journalist who publishes without malice a fair and accurate report of court proceedings also enjoys privilege, which provides a defence to a claim.

The effect of this week's House of Lords amendment to the Defamation Bill, allowing both an MP to sue for libel and a newspaper to justify its publication if it can, would simply be to put members of the legislature in the same position as members of the judiciary.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW SMITH
(Group Managing Director),
Ian Greer Associates Limited
(Public affairs consultants),
19 Catherine Place, SW1.
May 9.

Lawn-free gardens

From Mrs Margaret Harris

Sir, In their leaflet on how to create a drought-proof garden ("Pave over lawns, water company tells gardeners", May 3) Severn Trent has simply posed the question "do we really need lawns?" and asked us to think about it and consider other options.

We have a large lawn and our experience every drought summer has been that it has completely recovered with no help from us. My mother-in-law learnt to drive her electric wheelchair on its apparently dead surface one year.

Brown grass in the summer simply does not matter — but conserving water for the vital areas of life is where our priorities should lie.

Yours faithfully,
M. HARRIS,
Amberley House,
4 Woodchester Road,
Dorridge, Solihull, West Midlands.
May 3.

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Spelling reform

From Dr Paul Crawford Walker

Sir, Reforming the spelling of English (Philip Howard's article, May 3) would indeed be a fitting way to mark the new millennium.

The benefits would include speeding up the adoption of our language as the global lingua franca: and, nearer to home, a substantial reduction in the time and effort expended by children, parents and teachers in mastering reading and writing.

This time could then be applied with great advantage to better equipping our children in numeracy, science comprehension and personal and social development.

If we founders of the English language do not take the initiative in making it orthographic, like Finnish and German, others, the Americans for example, will do it for us, and we will have no alternative ultimately but to adopt whatever system they devise.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL CRAWFORD WALKER,
8 Church Avenue,
Sneyd Park, Bristol.
May 4.

Players in British arts renaissance

From Mr Paul Miller

Sir, Benedict Nightingale's welcome account of British dramatists ("Ten with the playwright stuff", Arts, May 1; see also leading article, May 9) left me with rather mixed feelings.

I directed Simon Bent's plays at the Bush Theatre and the National's Studio and hugely admired what I have seen of the others' work. The theatre is indeed the place to be, and it's wonderful to see a vital cultural movement given proper attention. However, his statement that "British dramatists in the two decades after 1956 had spawned few successors worth as much as a mention" bears no examination.

A generation of writers in the 1980s were squeezed out of the dialogue between critics and directors which characterised the period. This led to mass-production of that type of revival over which the directorial signature can be seen writ large: it suited some leading directors to promulgate the "no new playwrights" myth.

Perhaps if the more powerful directors then and now had thrown their weight behind writers this spread of talent would not be so apparently dispersed. At least when they end up in television and film they are remunerated for the kind of "script development" which, paradoxically, the theatre has taken to apeing.

The number of talented women produced at this time — among them, Sharman Macdonald, Winsome Pinnock and Timberlake Wertenbaker — is particularly interesting when set against Benedict Nightingale's rather laddish team.

The big test for the theatre and critics alike is whether this latest group will be allowed to remain where *The Times*, commendably, has put them — right at the centre of things.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL MILLER,
8 West Lawrence Street, SW3.
May 3.

From Director Arts of the British Council

Sir, Your leader of May 9 cogently makes the point about a renaissance in Britain's arts. Last year the British Council promoted more than 2,000 arts events overseas, mostly involving new British work being presented for the first time.

Many of the artists you mentioned — from James MacMillan to Rachel Whiteread and Damien Hirst — have been promoted abroad by us. This refreshes overseas perceptions of Britain, enhances the reputation of the artists concerned and contributes directly to our political and trade relations.

As the UK's leading presenter of British culture overseas, the Council harnesses resources from public and private sector partners which are many times greater than its own arts budget.

How ironic, therefore, that at a time when the creativity of Britain's arts is internationally recognised, the British Council should be facing cuts of 16 per cent in real terms in its government grant.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TOD,
Director Arts,
The British Council,
10 Spring Gardens, SW1.
May 9.

Labour in Croydon

From the Leader of Croydon Council

Sir, I was amused by the implication in your report of May 1 (News in Brief, later editions) that my newly assumed leadership of this council represents a left-wing takeover.

My background is in multinational marketing and in running my own small business, and I am a committed supporter of New Labour. Under my leadership Labour in Croydon will continue to mean quality, efficiency and partnership from an authority at the forefront of local government innovation.

Yours faithfully,
GERAINT DAVIES,
Leader, Croydon Council,
The Town Hall,
Katharine Street, Croydon, Surrey.
May 2.

Please hold . . .

From Mr Alexander Murray

Sir, I am angry at the queueing system which allows firms to waste my time and telephone companies to increase their income — all at my expense.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER MURRAY,
Standalane House,
Kincardine,
Alloa, Clackmannan.
May 10.

It's a cover-up

From Mr P. H. Knight

Sir, I have just received a clothing catalogue offering amongst other items Walk Shorts, Swimshorts and Vest Tops.

I wonder if any of your readers have taken to wearing these garments in preference to shorts, trunks and vests. And if so, are there any benefits?

Yours faithfully,
PETER KNIGHT,
36 Grantchester Road, Cambridge.
May 9.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 11: The Princess Royal, Patron, Northern Lighthouse Board, today visited Fair Isle North and South Lighthouses on board *MV Fingal* and was received by Mr Ian Fraser (Deputy Lieutenant of Shetland).

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 11: The Duke of Gloucester attended a luncheon given by Senator Clairborne Pell at 3485 Prospect Street, Georgetown, Washington DC.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness was present at the Inauguration of the Priory of the Order of St John in the United States of America at Washington National Cathedral.

In the evening The Duke of Gloucester attended a Reception and Dinner at Union Station, Washington DC, to celebrate the Inauguration of the Priory.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 11: The Duke of Kent, President, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, this afternoon attended the Football Association's Challenge Cup Final, Wembley Stadium, Wembley, Middlesex.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 12: The Princess Royal, Patron, Northern Lighthouse Board, today visited Copinsay Lighthouse on board *MV Fingal.*

Birthdays today

Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw, explorer and herald, 52; Mr Dirk Aldous, Chief Constable, Dorset, 52; Mr W.A. Allen, deputy director, monetary analysis, Bank of England, 47; Miss Bea Arthur, actress, 71; Sir John Cope, MP, 59; Miss Eileen Diss, theatrical designer, 65; Mr M.W.R. Dobson, group chief executive, Morgan Grenfell Group, 44; Lord Dormer, 76; Mr Robert Earnshaw, racehorse trainer, 37; Mr Peter Gabriel, singer, 46; General John Galvin, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 67; Dr Jane Glover, conductor, 47; Sir John Habakkuk, former Principal, Jesus College, Oxford, 81; Mr Anthony Hide, racehorse trainer, 57; Sir John Johnston, diplomat, 78; Mr Harvey Keitel, actor, 57; Sir Laurence Kirwan, archaeologist, 89; the Earl of Leven and Melville, 72; Sir Sydney Lipworth, former chairman, Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 65; Mr Richard Madeley, broadcaster, 40; Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, former Prime Minister of Fiji, 76; Sir Ronald Miller, company chairman, 59; Sir Paul Osmond, civil servant, 79; the Earl of Perth, 89; Mr Tim Pigott-Smith, actor, 50; Sir Alfred Pugsley, civil engineer, 93; Mr Alan Rayfield, former Governor, Long Lartin prison, 60; Miss Selina Scott, broadcaster, 45; Miss Helen Sharman, astronaut, 33; Sir Conrad Swan; genealogist, 72; Marquess Townshend, 80; Sir William Utting, former Chief Inspector, Social Services Inspectorate, 65; Miss Zoë Wanamaker, actress, 47; Mr Stevie Wonder, singer, 46.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Windsor and Maidenhead District Sports Association for the Disabled and open a new extension to the clubhouse at Braywick Sports Ground, Maidenhead, at 3.30; and, as President and Honorary Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, will attend a reception to launch the William Shipley Appeal at St James's Palace at 7.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the International Spinal Research Trust, attends the send-off of Push 2000 at Kensington Palace at 11am.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Automotive Products, Tachbrook Road, Leamington Spa, at 10.45; will visit Lumonics, Cosford Lane, Swift Valley, Rugby, at 12.05; and will open the new School House, Rugby School, Rugby, at 1.

Memorial service

Mr Simon Nowell-Smith
A service to commemorate the life of Mr Simon Nowell-Smith, writer, collector and librarian, was held on Saturday in New College Chapel, Oxford. The Rev Dr Robert Harnish officiated.

Mrs Elizabeth Campbell, daughter, read the lesson. Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey read from William Penn's *The Comfort of Friends* and Mr John Nowell-Smith, son, read Thomas Hardy's poem, *Afterwards.* Dr Julian Roberts, Deputy Librarian of the Bodleian Library, Professor William Frededman and Mr Geoffrey Nowell-Smith, son, gave addresses.

Nature notes

REDSTARTS are singing in the oak trees of the West Country: they deliver a short snatch of song, like a robin that keeps starting and never finishes. The male has a jet-black mask, a red breast and a red tail.

Tree pipits are singing and displaying on heaths and woodland edges: they make a few rippling notes as they fly up into the air from a tall tree, then a richer burst of notes as they parachute down again. In starlings' nests, the young are starting to make loud churring calls, and both parents fly frantically to and fro collecting food for them.

The flowers of May are slowly beginning to open. The bright pink flowers and hairy leaves of red campion are appearing under the hedges, alongside the smaller pink flowers of herb-robert.

In ditches, the hooded spikes of cuckoo-pint are unfurling among the leaves, which are like glossy green arrowheads. Where streams run through damp woods, marsh marigolds spread out in brilliant yellow carpets on either side under the trees. Orange-tip butterflies are out in the meadows: their wingtips look as if they have been dipped in orange squash. **DJM**

The redstart: singer in the oak trees

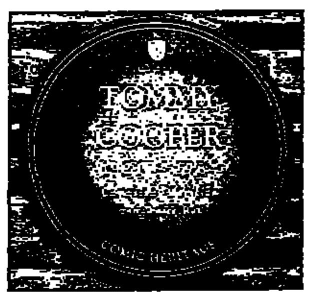
JAMES MORGAN

Gwen Cooper, Tommy Cooper's widow, wearing his trademark fez, jokes with Norman Wisdom after he unveiled a blue plaque to the comic magician's memory

Comic hero recalled

THE comic magician Tommy Cooper and his place in the public's hearts, were recalled yesterday when a blue plaque was unveiled at Teddington Studios, southwest London, where Cooper, with his shambling gait, failed tricks, fez and catchphrase "Just like that", filmed most of his television work. Cooper died, aged 62, in 1984.

□ In Birmingham a statue of the comedian Tony Hancock was unveiled at the city's blood transfusion centre.



In praise of Guy's nurses

By Tim Jones

SOME of the last nurses trained at Guy's Hospital School of Nursing in London were among the congregation who attended a service of thanksgiving to Guy's nurses at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday.

The service paid tribute to the kindness and dedication of thousands of nurses who have passed through the doors of the school since it was opened in 1880. In its early days last century the food was rough and hours were long. A trainee nurse was expected to work ten-hour day shifts or 12-hour night shifts. Nurses would be taught only in the wards; there was nowhere else. The school became part of a new training college, the Nightingale Institute, when Guy's merged with St Thomas' Hospital in 1993.

Canon Helen Cunliffe, Canon Pastor, welcomed 1,200 people from all over the country who had travelled to show their appreciation and express their thanks to the work of the nurses through the decades.

Staff Nurse Laura Jenkins, who had received her coveted Guy's Badge on Friday, gave a Bible reading from Ecclesiasticus, Chapter 44, verses 1-15 which begins: "Let us now praise famous men, the fathers of our people in the generations." When Ms Jenkins joined the school she was following in the steps of her mother, who trained there in the late 1960s.

The address was given by the Very Rev Colin Slee, Provost of Southwark, and his remarks were followed by a period of silence for reflection. Prayers were said by the Rev Neville Smith, Chaplain of Guy's Hospital.

A reading from *Matron of Guy's* by Emily E.P. MacManus, was read by Miss Audrey E Crump, who completed her training at Guy's in 1947.

The service ended with The Guy's Prayer: "Bless, O Lord, all who have gone from this place to work in many different parts of the world."

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr John Neligan and Mr Richard Price to be Circuit Judges, assigned to the Western Circuit.

Mr S. Michael D. Brown to be a member of the Council on Tribunals for three years from May 1.

Mr David Stephen, Principal Officer of the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General, to be Director of the UN Verification Mission in Guatemala.

Knighthoods

The honour of knighthood is to be conferred on Mr Roger Grenfell Toulson, QC, and Mr Robert Franklyn Nelson, QC, on their appointment as Justices of the High Court.

Luncheon

English-Speaking Union
Mrs Valerie Mitchell, Director-General of the English-Speaking Union, received the guests at a luncheon given by the union at St Paul's Girls' School on Saturday before the national final of *The Observer*-ESU Schools Public Speaking Competition. In the evening Baroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, received the competition judges and guests at dinner at St Paul's Girls' School.

Service dinners

The Waggon Club
Major-General W. Bate, President of the Waggon Club, presided at a twenty-fifth anniversary annual meeting and members' dinner night of the club held on Saturday at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham, Lincolnshire. Lieutenant-Colonel P. Firth, Chief of Staff HQ RLC TA, was the principal guest. Major-General A.F.J. Elmslie and Major-General V.H.J. Carpenter were among those present.

The Middlesex Regiment (DCO)
Brigadier B.A.M. Pielow presided at the annual dinner of the Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Officers' Club held on Saturday at the Naval and Military Club.

No 16 Squadron RFC and RAF Association
Air Vice-Marshal R.H. Goodall, Chairman of No 16 Squadron RFC and RAF Association, and Mrs Goodall received the guests at the annual reunion dinner held on Saturday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly.

Museum will trace history of Holocaust

By John Young

A NEW permanent exhibition on the Holocaust, which Churchill called "the most horrible crime committed in the whole history of the world", will open in 1999 at the Imperial War Museum in London.

The 1,400 square metres of display space on two floors will occupy part of the third and final stage of the museum's extension, at present being designed by Arup Associates and expected to cost more than £13 million. It will provide visiting students with a full narrative account of the tragedy, which is now on the national schools curriculum.

The story will begin with the Weimar Republic and the rise of Nazism, and go on to describe anti-Jewish measures in Hitler's Germany; prewar attempts by Jews to emigrate; war and internment; the extermination camps; resistance, including the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; and the eventual liberation of the camps and the exposure of the horrors to the world. The question of whether more could have been done to save the Jews will also be explored.

The exhibits will include much original film footage and, it is hoped, one of the railway cars used in the deportations. There will also be documents, posters, cartoons, paintings, pamphlets and newspapers, many of which have not been on display in Britain before. Visitors will be able to inspect contemporary maps, passports and visas, high-level official correspondence relating to the situation in occupied Europe.

In a message to the museum the Prime Minister described the Holocaust as an event of unparalleled evil. There were still many survivors in Britain; their testimonies would be part of the exhibition's strength, John Major said.

Among the exhibition's patrons are Lord Bullock, a leading historian of the Holocaust, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and his predecessor, Lord Runcie. Cardinal Basil Home, Archbishop of Westminster, Lord Jakobovits, the former Chief Rabbi, and the present Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks, Lord Rothschild, Lord Sainsbury and Lord Weidenfeld.

Abberley Hall

The School is holding an Old Boys' Day on June 15. Any Old Boy who has not yet received an invitation is requested to contact the School. In July John Walker, at present headmaster of Bramcote School in Scarborough, and his wife Janie take over from Michael and Mary Haggard, who are retiring after 22 years.

Rannies

Rannies is closing in July 1996. A reunion for former staff and students will be held at the Selfridge Hotel in London on Saturday, June 22, at noon. To reserve a place send a cheque payable to ECFF for £16 together with your name and year of attendance and a SAE. Numbers are limited. Eastbourne College of Food and Fashion, 1 Silverdale Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN20 7AA.

Marriages

Viscount Folkestone
and Miss A.M. Stanford
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Etheldreda, Guilsborough, Northampton, of Viscount Folkestone, eldest son of the Earl of Radnor and of Lady Cox, to Miss Melissa Stanford, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Stanford. Canon William Gibbs officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Jake Goedhuis, India Rose Smith, Thomas Lorimer, Grace Carter, Ludo Watson, Kitty Faulkner and Jamie, Clare and Lara Pleydell-Bouverie. Mr Angus Gibson was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Dr C.D. Arden
and Miss N.J.P. Clarke
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Nicholas, Old Shoreham, West Sussex, of Dr Christopher Arden, younger son of the Right Rev Donald and Mrs Arden, of Pinner, Middlesex, to Miss Nadine Clarke, only daughter of Commander and Mrs David Clarke, of Seven Kings, Essex. The Right Rev Donald Arden, father of the bridegroom, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Harriet Crofton, Miss Elizabeth Dack, Miss Deborah Ruwald, Miss Charlotte Alsop and Miss Clare Halsey. Mr Bazil Arden was best man.

A reception was held at The Anchor Inn, Barcombe, Lewes, and the honeymoon will be spent in San Francisco.

Mr J.J. Jardine Paterson
and Miss A.J.C. Ryan
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Royal Memorial Chapel, RMA Sandhurst, of Mr Jonathan Jardine Paterson, son of Sir John and Lady Jardine Paterson, of Norton Bavant, Wiltshire, to Miss Amanda Ryan, daughter of Major-General and Mrs Denis Ryan, of Ratlinghope, Shropshire. The Rev Alistair Heagerty officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by George Bennett, Laura Clifton-Brown, Nicholas Gaisman, Hamish Grant, William Howes and Edwina Wright. Mr Dominic Griffith was best man.

A reception was held in the Indian Army Memorial Room and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr P.J. Fairchild
and Miss L.V. Scraggs
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 11, 1996, at the London Oratory, between Mr Peter James Fairchild, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Fairchild, of Fulham, London, and Miss Lesli Veronica Scraggs, daughter of Mr and Mrs Matthew Paul Scraggs, of Netherton Green, Liverpool.

Mr J.J.P. Nunan
and Miss C.G. Farrer-Brown
The marriage took place on May 4, 1996, at St Mary's Church, Wargrave, between Mr Jerome Nunan and Miss Catherine Farrer-Brown.

A reception was held at Phyllis Court, Henley-on-Thames.

Mr P. O'Reilly-Hyland
and Miss J. Wyser-Pratte
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 11, at the Chapel of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, New York, between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth O'Reilly-Hyland, of Tipperary, Ireland, and Joelle, elder daughter of Mr Guy Wyser-Pratte, of New York City, and Mrs Heather Wyser-Pratte, of Palm Beach, Florida. Father Denis Delaney officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Kenneth O'Reilly-Hyland II, brother of the groom, was best man.

A reception was held at the Metropolitan Club and the honeymoon will be in Botswana.

Mr R.M. Whitworth
and Miss J.R. Hucker
The marriage took place quietly on Saturday, May 11, 1996, at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Milford, Surrey, between Mr Robin Michael Whitworth and Miss Joanna Richenda Hucker.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.C. Burke
and Miss N. March
The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Mr and Mrs M. Burke, of Maldon, Essex, and Naomi, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon, of Molecomb, Goodwood, Sussex.

Mr H.J. Pitman
and Miss E.M.A. Noel
The engagement is announced between Henry, eldest son of Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Pitman and Mrs Andrew Parker Bowles, and Elizabeth, only daughter of the Hon Gerard and Mrs Noel.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Dante Alighieri, poet, Florence, 1265; Alphonse Daudet, writer, Nimes, 1840; Sir Arthur Sullivan, composer, London, 1842; Sir Frank Brangwyn, painter, Bruges, 1867; Sir Ronald Ross, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1902, Almora, India, 1857; Georges Braque, Cubist, Argenteuil, France, 1882; Daphne Du Maurier, novelist, London, 1907; Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion 1937-49, Lexington, Alabama, 1914.

DEATHS: Baron Georges Cuvier, zoologist and statesman, Paris, 1832; John Nash, architect, Cowes, 1835; Sholom Aleichem (Solomon J. Rabinowitz), Yiddish and Hebrew writer, New York, 1916; Alfred Milner, Viscount Milner, imperialist, Sturry Court, near Canterbury, 1925; Fridtjof Nansen, Norwegian explorer and statesman, Nobel Peace laureate, 1922, Lysaker, Norway, 1930; Frances Hodgkins, artist, Dorchester, 1947; Gary Cooper, actor, Los Angeles, 1961.

The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, 1607.

The German economy totally collapsed, 1927.

Italian and German forces in Africa surrendered, 1943.

Pope John Paul II survived an assassination attempt by a Turkish gunman in St Peter's Square, 1981.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

COMMANDER: S Bevan to Staff of 2SL/CNH 15.11.96; P D Hudson to JHQ Wilton 20.5.96; R A Marshall to Staff of FOST 8.11.96; R E Pothecary to Staff of FOSF 19.7.96; A J Rix to Staff of FOSF 20.9.96.

SURGEON COMMANDER (D): C R Priestland to exchange Army, 3.9.96.

LOCAL LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: J S Baxter to Drake, 18.10.96; V N Rowe to S Africa 23.8.96.

Retirements
LOCAL LIEUENANT-COLONEL: A C L Smith, 12.7..96.
COMMANDER: D Cartlidge, 20.7.96; J K Dobson, 3.8.96; A G Hamilton, 1.8.96; J Hartley, 1.8.96; R H C Simpson, 27.7.96.
MAJOR: H H Player, 24.7.96.

The Army

MAJOR GENERAL: T J Sullivan to be COS HQ ARRC, 17.5.96

BRIGADIER: C R WATT to be Director ASC, 13.5.96.

Retirements
A Dean, late RA CH D, 18.5.96.
COLONELS: A J G Wight, late WG, 16.5.96.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: R M Thomas to RAF Linton-on-Ouse, 16.5.96; T P Brewer to HQLC, 13.5.96.

WING COMMANDER: G K Wishart to HQLC London, 6.5.96; B D Harvey to RAF Coltishall, 7.5.96; D P Thow to HQLC London, 7.5.96; A S Humphries to HQLC Brampton, 13.5.96.

Retirements
GROUP CAPTAIN: C J McQuillan, 15.5.96.

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BIRTHS

BUNKER - To Captain and Mrs B J Bunker, a son, Antony William Matthew Bunker, on Saturday 4th May 1996, Canossa Hospital, Hong Kong.

ROBERTS - On 3rd May, to Piers and Joanna (née Grant), a daughter, Beatrix Astley, a sister for Isabella and Alfred.

VYVYAN - On May 10th, to Venetia (née Turner) and Jamie, a daughter, Charlotte Elisabeth Constance.

DEATHS

COATS - Tim, peacefully on May 9th aged 69, at The Royal Marsden Hospital, London. Private Family Funeral at his own request. Donations, if desired, to The Horder Ward at The Royal Marsden Hospital.

COLMAN - Basil Douglas, Finchley Nurseries, Mill Hill, on May 9th. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Tuesday 14th May at Hendon Crematorium at 3.30 pm.

EDWICKER - On 4th May, suddenly at home Ronald Charles aged 81. Much loved husband of Pamela and father of Michael. Private service on Tuesday 14th May. Flowers to Gould & Chapman, Headley Road, Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey, tel: (01428) 604436.

HALPERN - On May 8th, suddenly at home, Walter Kenneth Leopold, aged 87 years. Ex Major 4th Gurkha Rifles. Now reunited with Lena. Loving father of Ann Robinson. Sadly missed by all the family. Funeral Service at Southampton Crematorium, Thursday May 16th. If desired donations for Countess Mountbatten House may be sent to Jno. Steel & Son, 163 Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford, Hants SO53 1JH.

DEATHS

HAWLEY - Faith Marion of Vine Cottage, Beckford, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire and lately of Bodenham, Salisbury on May 9th 1996. Widow of William George Broughton Hawley, mother of Anne, Anthony and the late Francis. Thanksgiving Service on Acension Day, May 16th at 2pm at St. Andrew's Church, Nunton, Salisbury. Donations instead of flowers to Worldwide Fund for Nature, Panda House, Weyside Park, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1XR.

LEE - Peter Lennox aged 59 years peacefully at How Caple, Herefordshire, beloved husband of Hilda and father of Alexandra, Georgina and Roger. Funeral service at How Caple Church on Thursday May 16th at 2pm. No flowers, donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care Nursing, 31 Potter Street, Stratford-Upon-Avon, CV37 6NQ.

MITCHELL - Edmund John Ambrose, peacefully on 8th May 1996, aged 79 years. Devoted husband to Eileen, loved brother of Deirdre, Pat, Molly and Jamie. Funeral Service at St Edwards Church Keymer on Wednesday 22nd May at 11.30 am to be followed by interment. Flowers may be sent to Frank Davey & Co., 31 High Street, Hurstpierpoint, W.Sx. BN6 9TT. Tel: (01273) 832179.

PORDAGE - Ernest George on 10th May 1996 peacefully in his sleep. Enquiries to Chelsea Funeral Directors, tel: (0171) 352-0008.

SALINGER - Robin, died peacefully at home on May 9th 1996, much loved husband of Iona and a great friend to many people. The funeral service will be at Golder's Green crematorium, The West Chapel, on Wednesday, 15th May 1996, at 11am.

DEATHS

TORRANCE - Christopher Hugh, on May 8th, peacefully in hospital, surrounded by his family. Most dearly loved husband of Eileen, dearest father of Philippa and Rory and Son-in-Law Richard. A very dear brother and devoted grandfather to his four granddaughters. Headmaster Hillstone School, Malvern, 1962-1983. Funeral Service at St. Mary's, Bishops Frome, on Thursday 16th May at 2.30 pm, family flowers only.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BIRD - The memorial service will be held for Minah Bird at The Methodist Church Westminster Central Hall, London SW1 on Thursday 30th May 1996 at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

ALSABTI - Shams died 13th May 1994. Greatly missed, never forgotten. Mum, Dad, Sara, Thea, Maria, Susan and Ross.

PATERSON - Robert 12.5.91. Remembered with love each day. Penny and Sybille.

BIRTHDAYS

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HERBERT BROWNELL

Herbert Brownell Jr, Attorney-General in the Eisenhower Administration, 1953-57, died in Manhattan on May 1 aged 92. He was born in Peru, Nebraska, on February 20, 1904.

THERE were two apparently contradictory aspects to Herbert Brownell, who at one time was arguably second only to President Dwight D. Eisenhower in the range and scope of his influence on American life. By one account, he was an anti-Left crusader of McCarthyite proportions, pledged to "destroy utterly" all Communist Party activity in the United States. By the other, he was an outspoken advocate of civil rights who did much to ensure the desegregation of the Deep South. Fortunately for the civil rights struggle, this second aspect of Brownell was not in evidence when Eisenhower, then President-elect, chose him to be his first Attorney-General in November 1952.

Herbert Brownell was the son of a professor of science at the University of Nebraska, where he too later studied. He grew up in a Methodist household of genteel poverty but formidable intellectual energy — all seven children did remarkably well at university. Politics was Brownell's chief interest as a boy — one apocryphal story described him briefing his own parents on how to vote before they went to the polls. But he was also president of the debating society and toyed with the idea of becoming a journalist, editing the newspaper at Lincoln High School.

Brownell became seriously immersed in Republican politics soon after his graduation from Yale University Law School, and while he was working for a law firm in New York, Lord Day & Lord. He was a member of the New York State Assembly from 1932 to 1937. But after five years, with a young family to support, he decided to quit the legislature to spend more time on the law practice which he felt he had neglected.

In 1942 he returned to politics to manage the campaign of his old political friend Thomas E. Dewey for the governorship of New York. The result was that New York got a Republican Governor, after almost two decades of Democratic governorship. Less successfully, he managed Dewey's presidential campaigns in 1944 and 1948. As chairman of the Republican National Committee during 1944-45, he worked on reorganising the party.

In March 1952 Brownell was brought to Eisenshower's attention by various mutual admirers, including Dewey, for the job of campaign manager. Brownell was not at all sure that he was the right man — particularly after Dewey's two defeats — and he was additionally worried that Eisenhower, for all his qualities as a soldier and statesman, might not be sufficiently politically sophisticated to control factions of the Republican Party.

They met in Paris for two days of talks, and Brownell returned convinced that, if Eisenhower had areas of ignorance, they could be filled in fast, and that furthermore the general had the necessary equanimity to do the job. Brownell went on to play a crucial backstage advisory role in the campaign — it was said that Eisenhower had more confidence in his political advice than in that of anyone else.

It was at Brownell's urging that Eisenhower selected Richard Nixon as his running-mate. Rewarded with the post of Attorney-General, Brownell became a key member of the Eisenhower Cabinet. He was soon generating controversy by implicating former President Truman in the protection of a suspected Soviet spy — Harry Dexter White — in his Administration. It was on Brownell's strong recommendation in 1953 that Eisenhower rejected pleas for clemency on behalf of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted two years earlier of conspiring to disclose nuclear secrets to the Soviet Union. The Rosenbergs were duly executed, and for the next two years Brownell pressured Congress with demands for ever more stringent laws against Communists. These included the death penalty for peacetime spying as well as wartime espionage, and compelling witnesses to testify if granted immunity from criminal prosecution. Scores of left-wing organisations were added to the Attorney-General's list of "subversive groups" — totalling more than 300 by 1955.

A further example of Brownell's influence came in 1953 when, on his advice, Eisenhower chose Earl Warren to head the Supreme Court. The result was a steady stream of landmark decisions in civil rights cases, led by that of *Brown v Board of Education* in 1954 which barred racial segregation in public schools. This was not quite what Eisenhower had had in mind when he appointed Warren to the court but it was very much to the liking of Brownell, who proceeded to engineer the appointment of a series of strong-willed independent judges to the Southern courts to implement the Supreme Court rulings.

In 1957 Brownell proposed a new civil rights Bill. Though it was considerably watered down before being passed by Congress, it was still the first legislation of its kind to be enacted since Reconstruction.

Brownell was a persuasive man, a canny tactician and a formidable advocate. Fighting him, an opponent once said, was "like wrestling with a cloud". He would sit slumped in his chair at political conferences, and when he spoke did so quietly. His judgment was delivered in the measured tones of the lawyer summing up a knotty case before a jury.

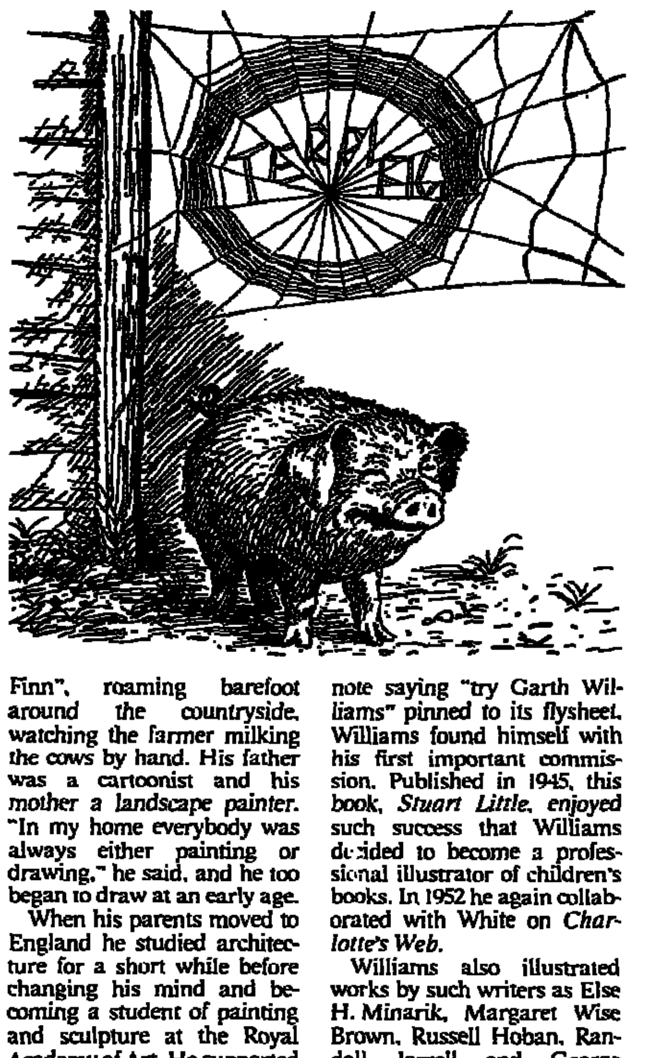
He used the intellectual superiority he undoubtedly enjoyed over Eisenhower on one further occasion: to convince him that he should send in federal troops to resolve the school segregation crisis in Little Rock, Arkansas. But Brownell had now become an Attorney-General more insistent on integration than the President wanted; and, more threateningly, he had become a roadblock in the way of the Republican drive to gain support in the South. When he offered his resignation just one month after the Little Rock incident, Eisenhower accepted it without protest.

Brownell then returned to his old law firm in New York which he had joined as a young man of 28. He almost went back into public service in 1969 when Richard Nixon became President. In return perhaps for his part in the launching of his own career, the new President wanted to make Brownell Chief Justice.

But memories in American politics are long and when it became clear that a group of Southern senators would fight the nomination tooth-and-nail, Brownell made it clear that at the age of 65 he had no heart for such a battle. The post went instead to a significantly less well-known figure, Warren Burger, at the time a judge in the US Court of Appeals in Washington. He was to remain Chief Justice of the United States until 1986.

Herbert Brownell was a devoted family man. He met his wife Doris at a Methodist church dance in New York in 1933 and married her the following year. She died in 1979. Brownell's subsequent marriage in 1987 was brief and ended in divorce. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

GARTH WILLIAMS



Garth Williams, book illustrator, died in Guanajuato, Mexico, on May 8 aged 84. He was born in New York in 1911.

THE artist who perhaps did more than any other to squash children's squeamishness of spiders, Garth Williams was the illustrator of the nursery classic *Charlotte's Web*. For generations of children, Charlotte, the tender-hearted spider and the runt-piglet Wilbur whom she befriends and saves, will always be remembered just as Williams imagined them.

Believing that the young were profoundly influenced by the books which they read, Williams used his illustrations to try to "awaken something of importance . . . humour, responsibility, respect for others, interest in the world at large". E. B. White's *Charlotte's Webb* provided him with ideal material and his drawings, innocent but precise, were in perfect harmony with this amusing, compassionate tale. While his renderings of such farmyard characters as Templeton the gluttonous rat were cheeringly comic there were sadder moments. The illustration in which Charlotte's myriad of spiderlets hatch and drift away on their parachutes of silk, leaving Wilbur the pig forlorn below, remains in most nursery books spotted with children's tearstains.

Among other books which Williams illustrated was *The Little House on the Prairie* and its sequels. His drawings evoke the essence of Laura Ingalls Wilder's calico-clad family, romping through meadows and collecting maple syrup as they pursued their lives of moral adventure. He also wrote seven children's books himself. However, it was primarily as an illustrator that he was known, cherished for his heartwarming vision of a world of bears and elves, kittens and crickets, prancing fairies and plump farmers' wives.

Although born in the city, Garth Williams was brought up on a farm in New Jersey immersed in the rural way of life which he was later to draw upon in his work as an illustrator. He grew up, he said, "a typical Huckleberry Finn", roaming barefoot around the countryside, watching the farmer milking the cows by hand. His father was a cartoonist and his mother a landscape painter. "In my home everybody was always either painting or drawing," he said, and he too began to draw at an early age.

When his parents moved to England he studied architecture for a short while before changing his mind and becoming a student of painting and sculpture at the Royal Academy of Art. He supported himself after his graduation by taking a job as the headmaster of Luton Art School, but resigned as soon as he won a Prix de Rome. In Italy he concentrated on his work as a sculptor.

During the Second World War he served as a Red Cross ambulance dispatcher in London, but was injured in an air raid. As soon as the war was over he returned to America, where he hoped to find work as a cartoonist. He approached the *New Yorker* but was rejected. His work was "too wild and too European" for their taste. Some of his smaller drawings, however, appeared in the magazine where they were spotted by Ursula Nordstrom, then children's book editor at Harper and Row. She admired his talent and when shortly afterwards a manuscript from E. B. White arrived with a note saying "try Garth Williams" pinned to its flysheet, Williams found himself with his first important commission. Published in 1945, this book, *Stuart Little*, enjoyed such success that Williams decided to become a professional illustrator of children's books. In 1952 he again collaborated with White on *Charlotte's Web*.

Williams also illustrated works by such writers as Else H. Minarik, Margaret Wise Brown, Russell Hoban, Randall Jarrell and George Selden.

Of the seven books which he himself wrote, one, *The Rabbits' Wedding*, caused a good deal of controversy. The White Citizens Council in Alabama attacked his vision of a moonlit marriage between a black and a white rabbit, witnessed by the denizens of the woodland world. Williams was accused of promoting racial integration and his book was withdrawn from library circulation in Alabama.

For the last 40 years of his life, Williams returned to the rural life he had relished as a child. He built a farm in Guanajuato and divided his time between it and his home in San Antonio, Texas.

He is survived by his wife Leticia, and by five daughters and a son. His eldest daughter, Fiona, was the model for the little girl Fern in *Charlotte's Web*.

BELA DE CSILLERY

Bela de Csillery, conductor and music administrator, died on April 17 aged 80. He was born on October 26, 1915.

FOR 21 years Bela de Csillery directed the Kent Youth Orchestra, transforming it into one of the finest such orchestras in the land. It provided a valuable and challenging training ground for hundreds of young musicians, many of whom have subsequently enjoyed successful careers.

As with every youth orchestra, de Csillery would regularly lose a significant proportion of his carefully nurtured talent at the end of each academic year. Yet every new season there would be a fresh crop of young musicians who would be enthused, cajoled, trained — and, if necessary, bullied — into producing the quality of music demanded of them by their Hungarian *maestro*.

During de Csillery's 21-year reign, the Kent Youth Orchestra, which he founded in 1963, blazed a trail by becoming one of the first youth orchestras to record for the BBC. A number of its broadcasts were released on BBC 2 Records, including the London premiere of Dohnanyi's Second Symphony. In 1970 it represented Britain at Herbert von Karajan's youth orchestra festival in Berlin, along with the young pianist Andrew Haigh. Haigh was one of many of today's professional musicians who were encouraged by de Csillery. Others include the pianist John Lill and the violinist Marcia Crayford.

The son of a doctor who firmly opposed the idea of a musical career, Bela de Csillery had nevertheless become an accomplished violinist by the time he entered Budapest University to study law. After completing his legal doctorate, de Csillery studied the violin with Zoltan Kodaly at the Franz Liszt Academy and for a while enjoyed a successful career in Europe as both a soloist and as an orchestral violinist. Among the conductors he worked with were Felix Weingartner, a prodigy of Franz Liszt, and Willem Mengelberg.

In 1940, at the age of just 25, de Csillery was appointed music director of the highly acclaimed Budapest Municipal Orchestra (since 1952 the State Symphony Orchestra) but before long he was attracting attention elsewhere as a promising young conductor. Ernest Ansermet, who formed L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande in 1918 and directed it for 58 years, spotted de Csillery and invited him to Geneva to be his assistant at a time when the orchestra was at the height of its powers. De Csillery was also offered engagements with orchestras in Munich, Barcelona, Innsbruck and Turin.

He came to England in 1953 to take up a musical position which ultimately fell through. Instead he became Head of Music at Trinity College, Glenalmond, in Tayside through a contact at the Scottish National Orchestra where he was guest-conducting. The suppression of the Hungarian uprising by the force of Soviet arms in 1956 discouraged him from returning to Budapest. It was with some relief in 1962 that he accepted an appointment as Kent County Music Adviser. But he was determined not to treat it as a purely administrative post, and within his first 12 months had launched the Kent Youth Orchestra.

He was a man of great vitality and emotion. On one occasion, to demonstrate the degree of intensity he wanted from the youth orchestra's string section in a performance of Mahler's Fifth Symphony, de Csillery turned up at a rehearsal with a red heart sewn to the sleeve of his shirt.

In addition to his duties at County Hall in Maidstone, de Csillery headed the Kent Junior Music School on Saturday mornings, directed many choral works, conducted the Maidstone Symphony Orchestra and created the semi-professional Kent Sinfonia.

Although his position was potentially fraught with political interference, de Csillery's legal training and negotiating skills came in useful throughout his life. At a time when other county musical services saw their budgets cut, his increased — reflecting the way in which the county was placed firmly on the international music map. He retired in 1981 but remained with the youth orchestra for a further three years.

As well as his music, Bela de Csillery enjoyed the great outdoors. During the 1950s he climbed the Matterhorn and continued mountain climbing long after many would have given up.

Both his wives were outstanding solo violinists. His marriage in 1944 to Johanna Martzy was dissolved 15 years later. He married Gillian Sansom in 1965; she predeceased him three years ago and he is survived by their two sons.

JAMES RUSSELL

James Russell, garden designer and plantsman, died on April 28 aged 76. He was born on April 3, 1920.

COMBINING an encyclopaedic knowledge of plants with an intuitive flair for design, James Russell was the creator of the magnificent arboretum at Castle Howard. Fully documenting all the plants which he nurtured over its sweeping 120-acre landscape, he created not only a tourist attraction but a living library of lasting scientific importance.

James Philip Cuming Russell was educated at Eton. His family hoped that he would enter either the Army or the Diplomatic Service, but he was determined to be a gardener. He gained a place to study botany at Trinity College, Cambridge, but with the outbreak of the Second World War was commissioned into the Hertfordshire Yeomanry. He was invalided out of the Army in 1943.

In 1939 his father together with a distant cousin had jointly purchased the nursery of Standish & Noble, which had been founded in 1847 and was based in Sunningdale. After the war James Russell took up the challenge of managing this nursery. It had long been in decline, but under his care it prospered.

In 1955, with Sacheverell Sitwell, Russell co-authored the first part of *Old Garden Roses* (a series of illustrated books). He co-authored the second part with Wilfred Blunt. His interest in roses was furthered when, in 1956, he employed the doyen of gardening, Graham Thomas, who added his already famous rose collection to the nursery. Russell expanded the garden design side of the business. This was to lead to his being involved with changes or full developments to more than 200 gardens in the British Isles, as well as other gardens in Italy, France and Belgium.

Rhododendrons were another of Russell's great interests and in 1960 he published *Rhododendrons at Sunningdale*. This marked a pivotal change in his life. Looking back, he had become bound by historic links to Standish & Noble's fame in raising newly discovered rhododendrons. Sir Joseph Hooker (later director of Kew) sent seed of his Sikkim collections to the nursery in 1849 and by 1854 no fewer than 26 new species had been established from this source. In 1858 the beautiful *Rhododendron thompsonii* flowered for the first time in Europe. It was the progeny of these plants, along with many later successes of the nursery, that Russell took with him in 1968 (when the nursery was sold) to the unlikely setting of the edge of the North York Moors.

George Howard, of Castle Howard, had invited him to help with the development of the garden as a tourist attraction. Work started with a very large rose garden, concentrating on old varieties, and the 30 acre Ray Wood which was to house the rhododendrons. The rhododendrons flourished, and to them has been added a remarkable collection of temperate forest plants. But this was only a prelude to the development of the 120-acre arboretum.

In 1988, Russell realised another great ambition when he participated in the joint Chinese Academy of Sciences / Royal Botanic Garden Kew's expedition to Fanjing Shan, a remote mountain in the province of Guizhou. He thus became one of the first Europeans to see the aged rhododendron forest of this misty limestone peak, and to cultivate its many species, hitherto not seen in the West.

Russell also pioneered new approaches to the landscaping of tropical conservatory interiors.

In 1981 the Royal Horticultural Society awarded Russell its Gold Veitch Medal and, in 1988 the coveted Victoria Medal of Honour (VMH). There are only ever 63 holders of this award, the full number of years of Queen Victoria's reign.

Russell's name is permanently commemorated by a new species of Mahonia (*M. russellii*) which he discovered in the Sierra de Chiconquiaco in Mexico in 1984. But the Castle Howard arboretum was his greatest achievement, and one for which he was still avidly raising plants in his retirement spent in Fife.

James Russell never married.

Church news

New bishops

Peterborough
The Right Rev Ian Cundy, Suffragan Bishop of Lewes in the diocese of Chichester, is to be Bishop of Peterborough, succeeding the Right Rev William Westwood, who retired on December 28.

Warrington
The Ven John Packer, Archdeacon of West Cumberland, diocese of Carlisle, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Warrington, diocese of Liverpool. He succeeds the Right Rev Michael Henshall, who retires in October.

Warwick
Canon Anthony Priddis, Rector of Amersham with Coleshill, diocese of Oxford, is to be Suffragan Bishop of Warwick, diocese of Coventry. He succeeds the Right Rev Clive Handford, Bishop-designate of Cyprus and the Gulf.

Prebendary Richard Gilpin, Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Adviser in Vocations, and Sub-Dean of Exeter Cathedral (Exeter), to be Archdeacon of Totnes, same diocese.

Other appointments include:

The Rev Vivien Ashworth, Hon Assistant Curate, Ingleton w Chapel-le-Dale, to be also half-time Rural Youth Adviser (Bradford).

The Rev Joseph Ayok-Loewenberg, Mission Partner, Church Mission Society, to be Priest-in-Charge, Symondsbury and Chideock (Salisbury).

The Rev Paul Bagshaw, Assistant Curate, St Mary Magdalene, Newark, Newark Team Ministry, to be Priest-in-Charge, All Hallows, Ordsall, and St Alban's, Retford (Southwell).

The Rev Justin Bailey, Assistant Curate, Oakdale Team Ministry, to be Priest-in-Charge, Milton Abbas, Hilton with Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey (Salisbury).

The Rev Neil Barker, Rector, St Peter, Woodmansterne (Southwark), to be also Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain.

The Rev Christopher Barley, Curate, Upton-cum-Chalvey, Slough, to be Team Vicar, Wycombe Team Ministry, responsible for St Anne and St George, Sands (Oxford).

The Rev Peter Boulton-Lea, Rector, Kirk Sandall with Edenthorpe, to be Vicar, Campsall, Doncaster. He will resign as Rural Dean of Doncaster (Sheffield).

Canon Paul Bunday, permission to officiate, Chalke Deanery (Salisbury), to be a Canon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral.

The Rev Ivan Butcher, Curate, Greater Corsham (Bristol), to be Vicar, Overbury with Teddington, Alstone and Little Washbourne w Beckford and Ashton-under-Hill (Worcester).

The Rev David Cameron, Curate, Guildford Holy Trinity with St Mary, Vicar, Fenton (Lichfield).

The Rev Brian Camp, Team Vicar, Halesowen Team Ministry (Worcester), to be Priest-in-Charge, St Giles, Sheldon (Birmingham).

The Rev Lois Cater, Curate (NSM), Devizes St John and St Mary, to be Team Vicar (NSM), Alderbury Team Ministry (Salisbury)

The Rev Robert Chavner, Curate, St George, Beckenham, to be Minister of the Conventional District of St Luke, Sevenoaks.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Nigel John, Chaplain of Whitelands College (Southwark), to resign on June 30.

The Rev Judy Lynas, Assistant Curate, Lytchett Minster (Salisbury), to resign on May 19.

The Rev Kenneth Skipper, Vicar, Londesborough, held with Burnby, Nunburnholme and Shiptonthorpe with Hayton (York), to retire on July 2 on health grounds.

The Rev Robert Webb, Rector, Heytesbury and Sutton Veny (Salisbury), to retire on July 31.

ON THIS DAY

May 13, 1940

With the Nazi invasion of The Netherlands and Belgium the "cold war" ended and Britain faced up to the possibility of invasion.

CHALLENGE TO THE SPIRIT

Preaching in Canterbury Cathedral this morning, the Archbishop of Canterbury [Dr Cosmo Lang] made a stirring call to the nation for courage and determination in present dangers.

"The hour has come, it has struck, and with it comes the testing of the nation," he said. "By the invasion of Belgium and Holland, following quickly on the invasion of Denmark and Norway, the ruler of Germans has thrown down a challenge to the peace and freedom of the whole world, and now openly and defiantly to our own land.

"How shall it be met? Let me answer in the words of one of our most trusted statesmen, Lord Halifax, a man who never speaks lightly: 'We are facing the most dangerous challenge this country has ever had to meet in its history and a challenge which calls for every ounce of energy — material, intellectual, and spiritual — that this country can summon to its task.' Yes, spiritual for it is the spirit of the people that must rise to meet the challenge.

"It is on the spirit of the people, their character, qualities, calmness, courage, determination, strength, and clearness of the ultimate ideals, that the issue will depend. In this summons to the spirit of the nation all controversies, personal and political, must be forgotten. All parties and classes must combine and get together." In order to achieve unity in the Government, the Archbishop continued, the former Prime Minister generously surrendered his high office. All of them must think of him with sympathy and gratitude for his great services.

"Let his example be followed. Let the whole nation stand behind the King's Forces, on sea, on land, and in the air with indomitable and undaunted spirit. Might there must be for the defence of right, might as great as could be assembled. Power there must be to overthrow not only dangers but to answer that force which every day showed itself, alike in the ends it sought and in the methods it used, to be essentially evil."

Victory, if it were to be won, would be won finally in the realm of the spirit. Referring to the forces of evil which were overthrowing the freedom of nations and of their peoples, scorning truth, trampling on justice and mercy, and arrayed against everything that we could conceive the Divine will and purpose to be, he asked: "Can we doubt that it is in accordance with that Divine will and purpose that these forces of evil should be resisted and overcome?"

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NEWS

University degrees' status at risk

■ A British Ivy League of elite universities is beginning to emerge as foreign governments operate "whitelists" of campuses to which they are prepared to send students.

Four years after the Government uprated polytechnics to create a single higher education system, such lists are combining with developments at home to threaten the equal status traditionally accorded to all degrees .... Page 1

Crash pilot may have been dead

■ The crew of an ageing DC-9 airliner may have been dead or unconscious before their jet plunged into the Florida Everglades killing all 109 on board, including two British tourists. The pilot for the cut-price domestic airline Valujet told air traffic controllers that the cockpit was filling with smoke minutes after he took off from Miami .... Page 1

Tax cuts in doubt

Kenneth Clarke has given his toughest warning yet that he may not be able to deliver tax cuts this autumn after claiming that the beef crisis had cost the Government at least £1 billion ..... Page 1

£40m for Albert Hall

The Albert Hall, home of the Proms, is expected to receive £40 million of lottery money this week from the Arts Council and the National Heritage Memorial Fund.................................. Page 1

Ceasefire signal

Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, signalled that the IRA was considering a renewed ceasefire to allow republicans to join all-party talks on June 10............................... Page 2

Unstinting cat lover

A woman who has devoted the past five years to the welfare of cats in Greece has spent the last of her savings to bring 37 of them back to Britain .... Page 3

Far from the stars

A Cambridge student whose first screenplay has been snapped up is having to sit it out in his digs while his producers promote his work at the Cannes Film Festival .... Page 5

Pressure for gun laws

Ministers are under pressure from senior Conservative MPs to bring forward laws on gun control............................... Page 6

Police ready for fans

Police mounted a massive operation to control 80,000 fans at Saturday's FA Cup Final, determined to avoid trouble at a dress rehearsal for next month's Euro 96 championship .... Page 8

Off with their anoraks

Affluent rail enthusiasts are shedding their dowdy "anorak" image at a £125-a-night hotel where they can trainspot in pampered comfort............................ Page 9

Pesticide on trial

Forty British families whose children were born without eyes are awaiting the outcome of a test case in America that will determine whether a garden pesticide caused the deformity in a six-year-old boy...................... Page 10

Refugees find relief

Thousands of dying and sick Liberian refugees on board a disease-riddled, leaking freighter at last found relief after a week at sea................................... Page 11

Family man or killer?

The memorabilia in the household of Dusan Tadic, on trial for war crimes at The Hague, seem incongruous with that of a killer.................................. Page 12

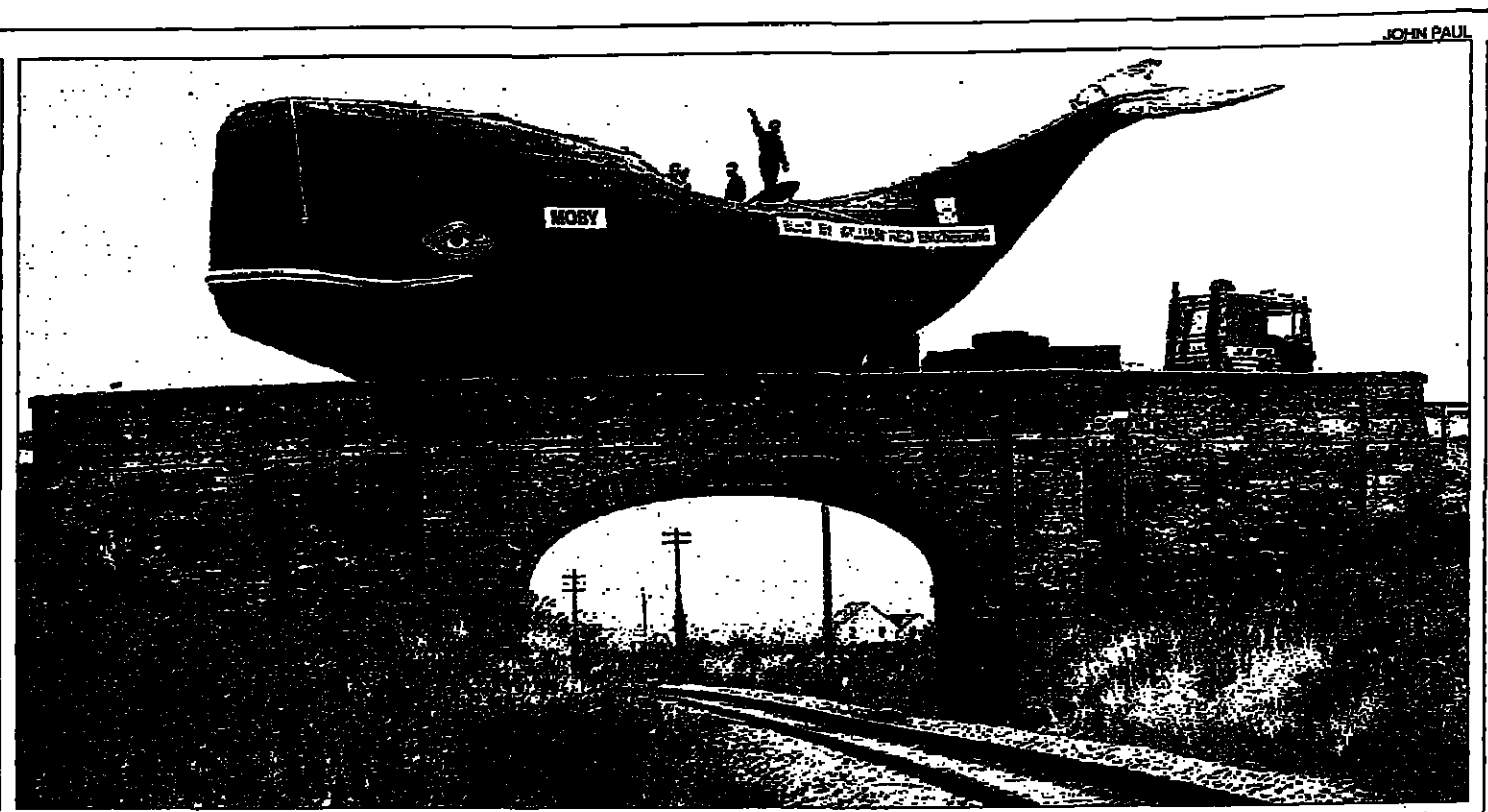
Lebanon 'failure'

Right-wing opposition parties in Israel branded the Labour Government's 17-day military onslaught on Lebanon a failure .... Page 13

Lads playing football badly

■ For those to whom the names Damon, Jarvis and Liam mean nothing, it was as if The Beatles, the Rolling Stones and The Who were playing football together in 1965. Some of the biggest names in music — Oasis's Liam Gallagher, Blur's Damon Albarn and Jarvis Cocker of Pulp — turned out at an unusually early hour to play soccer for charity............. Page 5

JOHN PAUL



Moby at Kinloss, Moray, on her way to the sea. Tom McClean, the first to row the Atlantic solo, aims to sail her to New York

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Barings quiz: The executives running *Barings* at the time of the £860 million crash will give the first public account of how and why they failed to detect Nick Leeson's fraudulent trading .... Page 44

Base rates to rise? A resurgence in consumer confidence could prompt a sharp rise in base rates to 8½ per cent by the end of 1997, a City economist says .... Page 44

Silicon valley: Koreas's Lucky Goldstar electronics company is poised to announce a £1 billion investment in South Wales, creating 4,000 jobs.................... Page 40

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Viennese treat: The Vienna Philharmonic came to London and proved that it has a uniquely luxurious sound .... Page 14

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Musical centenary: Shropshire celebrates the centenary of A. E. Housman's *A Shropshire Lad*, with help from Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.................................. Page 15

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Equestrianism: Tim Stockdale brought the Royal Windsor Horse Show to a fitting climax with victory in the grand prix .... Page 24

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Cricket: Carl Hooper, the West Indies batsman, is aiming to prove his pedigree........................ Page 29

Rugby union: Wigan, masters of rugby league, stormed the bastion of union when they won the Middlesex Sevens.................... Page 30

Boxing: Lennox Lewis's world title aspirations remain on course despite his lacklustre display in a split-decision against Ray Mercer in New York .... Page 33

LOTTERY NUMBERS

7, 10, 12, 22, 34, 48. Bonus 11. Eight winners will get £1,115,190 each; 16 people win £171,567 for five numbers plus the bonus; 1,766 win £971 for five numbers; and the four-number prize is £44.

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ FLYING THE FLAG
Mike Leigh leads the British contingent at Cannes with his new film *Secrets and Lies*

■ DO AS I SAY
Giving evidence can be terrifying. Should witnesses be prepared by experts?

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By encouraging an elite that cleaves to traditional methods, the excellence which attracts students from the world over can best be preserved .... Page 19

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Friends should be able to differ; and Britain and France are learning to be friends again ...... Page 19

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The only wonder the young find in trains is wondering how late they will run................................ Page 19

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The framework of a written constitution is being created . . . but there are no clear principles of accountability and no agreement on who should safeguard the new rules.................................... Page 18

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If Ian Hargreaves, the Editor of the *New Statesman*, succeeds, his magazine will be the arena of intellectual debate .... Page 18

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No moral reasoning was advanced in favour of a ban on gays in the Armed Forces. The case was that attitudes among servicemen and women were such that to relax the ban would cause unacceptable discontent .... Page 18

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The Kremlin and the Russian centrist parties are united by their desire to avoid a Communist victory in the Presidential election. They must acknowledge that only one of them is in a position to defeat the Communists — namely the current President, Boris Nikolaevich Yeltsin — *La Repubblica*, Rome

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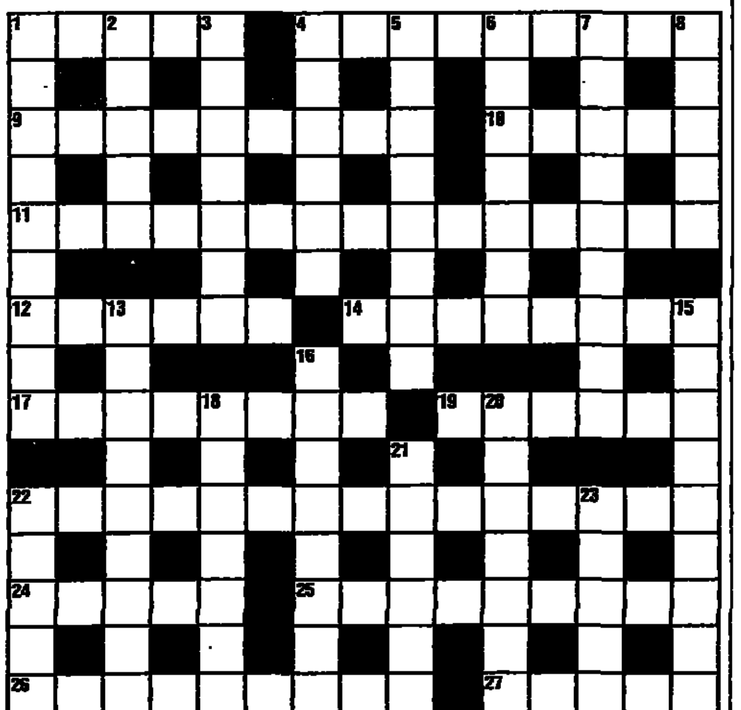

ACROSS

1 Vote with Opposition party (5).
4 Woman alarmed about daughter being rejected (9).
9 Laird's new translation accepted by poet (9).
10 In a yacht, it's curiously indistinct in outline (5).
11 Get involved in single broadcast, and achieve fulfilment? (4,4,4,3).
12 Plant a tree on lake (6).
14 Agreed wages for making immobilizing device (3-5).
17 Current strength a wise man shows by intervening (8).
19 Divers representatives have dismissed leader (6).
22 A charm Sarah made? Crazy — totally crazy! (3,2,1,5,4).
24 Quiet little mischief-maker — one holding up books, perhaps (5).
25 Dark academic dress that's worn when retiring (9).
26 Accepting grievance when there's first-class turnround (9).
27 Reportedly adapt place for mass production (5).

DOWN

1 Headgear produced by graduate taking out call girl (9).
2 A European novelist raised in Asian territory (5).
3 Neat Scotsman about to be accepted as university member (7).
4 Give teacher a note (6).
5 Became blue, having thus propelled boat around river (8).
6 Having no purpose, unlike the Archers? (7).
7 Lecture given by female Liverpudlian about queen (9).
8 Senior member's longing to support party (5).
13 A churchwarden's fanciful hope? (4-5).
15 E.g. a Californian we back with hesitation (9).
16 The number one obsession! (8).
18 Composing new composition for fluters (7).
20 Child's mother carrying headgear for sage (7).
21 Liberal statesman seen on leaving party conference scene (6).
22 Scores possibly face it after acting unwisely (5).
23 Take in suit in fitting (5).

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,165 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Ventnor, Isle of Wight, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Newcastle upon Tyne, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Dunbar, Lothian, 0.20in; highest sunshine: Saunton Sands, Devon, and Guernsey, 13.1hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales, after any early-morning mist or patchy fog clears, should have a dry day with considerable sunny periods. Cloud will tend to build up during the afternoon, but it should remain dry. Winds will be light and temperatures will be similar to yesterday's, with ground frost locally overnight.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will *be rather cloudy with outbreaks of drizzle or light rain in places exposed* to the north and west. Winds will be light and variable, becoming mainly southeasterly. Temperatures will be similar to yesterday's with ground frost locally overnight.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England:** early mist clearing, dry with clear or sunny periods. Winds light mainly northwesterly. Maximum temperature 14C (57F).

☐ **E England, W Midlands, Wales, NW, Central N, NE England:** early mist or fog clearing, dry with clear or sunny periods. Winds light mainly northwesterly. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands:** early mist clearing, dry and sunny at first, cloudy later. Winds light to moderate northwesterly. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** cloudy with occasional outbreaks of drizzle or light rain. Winds light and variable, becoming mainly southeasterly. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday:** rain spreading from the north and west. Light winds, milder.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

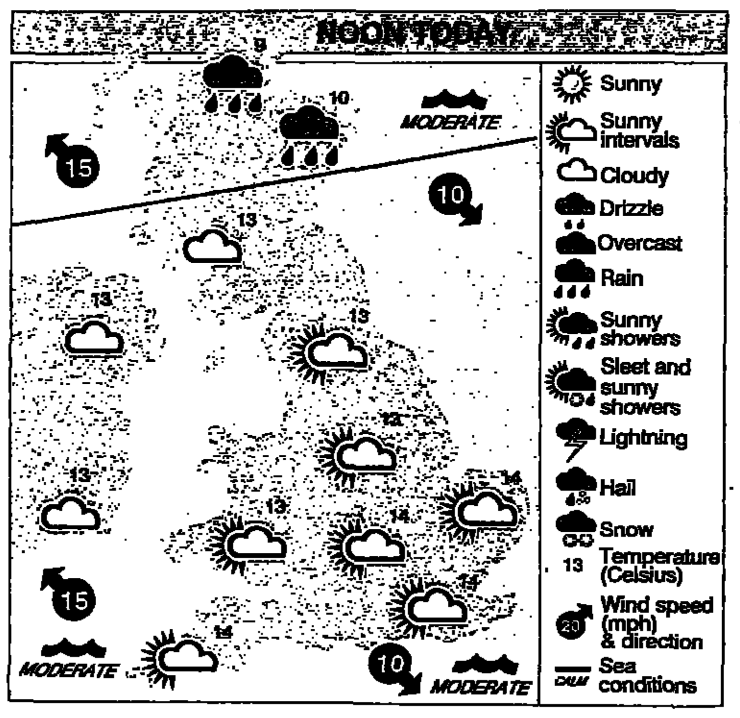
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	X					Lerwick	3.1	0.01	12	54	s
Anglesey	X					Leuchars	-	0.01	10	50	r
Aspatria	1.1	0.01	10	50	sh	Littlehmptn	X				
Aviemore	0.1	0.01	10	50	c	London	8.1	-	13	55	s
Belfast	1.5	0.01	12	54	c	Lowestoft	6.1	-	11	52	b
Birmingham	0.8	0.15	10	50	sh	Manchester	4.0	0.01	13	55	b
Bognor R	4.7	-	13	55	s	Margate	5.8	-	11	52	s
Bournem'th	-	0.01	13	55	b	Minehead	6.7	0.01	12	54	b
Bristol	X					Morecambe	2.8	0.01	12	54	c
Buxton	5.1	-	11	52	s	Newcastle	-	0.16	7	45	d
Cardiff	5.4	0.01	14	57	b	Norwich	3.3	-	12	54	b
Clacton	X					Oxford	1.7	-	14	57	b
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	X				
Colwyn Bay	1.1	0.01	11	52	c	Poole	0.9	-	15	59	c
Cromer	8.1	-	11	52	s	Prestatyn	X	0.11	12	54	c
Dunbar	1.1	0.20	8	46	c	Ross-o-wye	3.8	-	15	59	b
Eastbourne	6.0	-	13	55	s	Ryde	6.3	-	15	59	s
Edinburgh	-	0.03	10	50	d	Salcombe	9.9	-	14	57	s
Eskdalemuir	-	0.01	9	48	sh	Sandown	5.2	-	15	59	b
Exmouth	6.7	-	11	52	s	Sauntn Snd	13.1	-	12	54	s
Falmouth	X					Scarboro'	0.2	0.02	9	48	c
Fishguard	X					Shanklin	6.1	-	13	55	s
Folkestone	7.8	-	14	57	b	Shrewsbury	1.3	0.02	11	52	sh
Glasgow	-	0.01	10	50	sh	Skegness	0.8	-	11	52	c
Guernsey	13.1	-	12	54	s	Southend	10.3	-	12	54	c
Hastings	7.9	-	15	59	s	Southport	6.5	-	13	55	s
Hayling I.	4.6	-	13	55	s	Southsea	3.7	-	14	57	c
Herne Bay	9.7	0.01	12	54	s	Stornoway	6.4	-	12	54	s
Hove	7.7	-	13	55	c	Swanage	2.9	-	13	55	c
Hunstanton	6.4	-	11	52	s	Teignmouth	7.2	-	14	57	s
Isle of Man	2.4	-	12	54	b	Tiree	1.2	-	11	52	b
Jersey	11.9	-	14	57	s	Torquay	7.9	0.01	14	57	s
Kinloss	0.4	0.01	11	52	c	Ventnor	6.6	-	15	59	s
Leeds	0.4	0.02	12	54	c	Weymouth	7.8	-	12	54	s

ABROAD

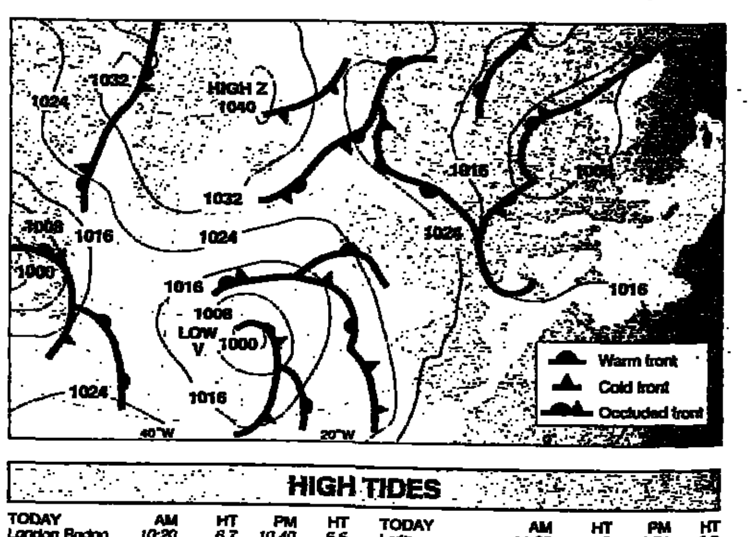
Ajaccio	17	63	f	Corfu	X			Majorca	15	59	f	Rome	18	64	f
Akrotiri	27	81	s	C'phagn	11	52	c	Malaga	19	66	s	S Fr'isco	15	59	s
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Dublin	9	48	r	Malta	23	73	s	S Paulo	21	70	c
Algiers	19	66	f	Dubrovnik	17	63	f	Melb'rne	11	52	f	Salzburg	12	54	r
Amst'dm	10	50	c	Faro	19	66	s	Mexico C	24	75	s	Santiago	25	77	s
Athens	X			Florence	14	57	r	Miami	28	82	f	Seoul	20	68	s
B Aires	22	72	s	Frankfurt	15	59	s	Milan	16	61	r	Sing'por	30	86	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Funchal	18	64	f	Montreal	13	55	fg	St'kholm	18	64	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	13	55	c	Moscow	24	75	s	Strasb'rg	14	57	c
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Munich	13	55	c	Sydney	21	70	f
Barcelona	20	68	f	Helsinki	23	73	s	N Delhi	33	91	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Beirut	28	82	s	Hong K	25	77	f	N York	18	64	s	Tel Aviv	39	102	s
Belgrade	24	75	f	Innsbrck	13	55	r	Nairobi	19	66	s	Tenerife	21	70	c
Berlin	11	52	c	Istanbul	23	73	s	Naples	21	70	f	Tokyo	19	66	f
Bermuda	22	72	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	18	64	f	Toronto	17	63	c
Biarritz	15	59	f	Jo'burg	20	68	f	Oslo	21	70	s	Tunis	17	63	f
Borde'x	15	59	c	L Angels	24	75	s	Paris	12	54	c	Valencia	21	70	s
Brussels	10	50	c	L Palmas	22	72	s	Peking	29	84	f	Vanc'ver	11	52	f
Budapst	24	75	f	Le Touqt	10	50	f	Perth	19	66	s	Venice	16	61	r
Cairo	32	90	f	Lisbon	17	63	f	Prague	12	54	c	Vienna	17	63	c
Cape Tn	X			Locarno	15	59	r	Reykjavik	9	48	f	Warsaw	25	77	s
Ch'church	11	52	X	Luxembg	12	54	c	Rhodes	X			Wash'ton	20	68	c
Chicago	21	70	s	Luxor	43	109	s	Rio de J	24	75	f	Wel'ngton	15	59	c
Cologne	10	50	c	Madrid	13	55	c	Riyadh	35	95	s	Zurich	10	50	d

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: low V will edge SE with little change to central pressure; high Z will extend E towards Scandinavia and maintain central pressure



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10:20	6.7	10:40	6.6	Leith	11:08	4.9	11:54	5.0
Aberdeen	9:56	3.7	10:53	3.8	Liverpool	7:45	8.4	8:21	8.3
Avonmouth	3:29	11.2	4:01	11.4	Lowestoft	6:17	2.3	6:08	2.2
Belfast	7:39	3.3	8:17	3.2	Margate	8:47	4.3	9:02	4.3
Cardiff	3:22	10.7	3:51	10.9	Milford Haven	2:38	6.0	3:14	5.9
Devonport	2:00	4.8	2:40	4.8	Newquay	1:38	6.0	2:09	6.0
Dover	8:00	5.8	8:17	6.0	Oban	2:38	3.3	3:13	3.1
Dublin (N Wall)	8:14	3.8	9:00	3.7	Penzance	1:08	4.8	1:43	4.7
Falmouth	1:34	4.7	2:11	4.5	Portland	2:49	1.7	3:35	1.7
Greenock	9:12	3.1	9:48	3.0	Portsmouth	7:53	4.1	8:28	4.4
Harwich	8:15	3.7	8:35	3.5	Shoreham	7:57	5.3	8:27	5.6
Holyhead	6:52	5.0	7:39	5.0	Southampton	7:21	4.0	7:58	4.3
Hull (Albert D)	2:47	6.5	2:50	6.7	Swansea	2:40	8.2	3:14	8.2
Ilfracombe	2:22	8.0	2:57	7.9	Tees	-	-	12:14	4.8
King's Lynn	2:44	5.7	3:05	6.1	Walton-on-Naze	8:13	3.9	8:30	3.8

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.12 am
Sun sets: 8.43 pm
Moon sets 4.15 pm
Moon rises 3.27 am
New Moon May 17

London 8.43 pm to 5.10 am
Bristol 8.53 pm to 5.20 am
Edinburgh 9.16 pm to 5.02 am
Manchester 9.00 pm to 5.10 am
Penzance 9.00 pm to 5.37 am

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